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OF THE FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, AT ITS MEETING IN XENIA, OHIO, MAY 27TH, 1863.

Second United Presbyterian Church, Xenia, Ohio.
Wednesday, May 27th, 1863, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Fifth General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America convened at the above time and place; and, after a sermon from the moderator, Dr. Cooper, from Rev. ii. 25, "But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come,"—was by him constituted with prayer.

The following is the Roll made out by the clerk from the credentials of the commissioners to this Fifth General Assembly:

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Joseph McHatton,	T. C. Reid.

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Jackson Duff,	David Mitchell.

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PRESBYTERY OF OREGON.

None.

PRESBYTERY OF SEALKOTE.

None.

PRESBYTERY OF EGYPT.

James Barnett, D. D.

The principal clerk being absent, R. D. Harper was elected clerk, *pro tempore.*

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a moderator. Dr. Young was elected.

* Those marked * were not present.

The Assembly resolved to meet this evening at 7½ P. M., for prayer and conference.

It was resolved that the hours of meeting for the Assembly shall be 9 o'clock, A. M., and 2 o'clock, P. M.; and of adjournment 12 o'clock, M., and 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Johnston.

Thursday morning, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met. Opened with prayer by the moderator. The Roll was called, and the members generally present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly proceeded to the election by ballot of a Stated Clerk for four years. Rev. Joseph T. Cooper was elected.

Rev. Robert D. Harper, D. D., was *viva voce* unanimously elected Assistant Clerk for one year.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Secretary for the Board of Home Missions for four years. Rev. R. D. Harper, D. D., was by ballot elected.

The Board of Home Missions made a report, which was on motion accepted, and referred to the Committee to be appointed on the Board of Home Missions.

The reports of the Presbyteries of Le Claire, Oregon, Butler, Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Allegheny, and Cleveland, were read. Closed with prayer by Professor Vincent.

Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Dr. Clokey. The calling of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Continued the reading of the reports of Presbyteries. Those of the Presbyteries of Detroit, Second New York: Caledonia, St. Lawrence, Steubenville, Monmouth, Conemaugh, Indiana, Muskingum, Vermont, Kansas, Westmoreland, Wheeling, Stamford, Mansfield, Delaware, Chicago, First New York, Michigan, Keokuk, The Lakes, Bloomington, Des Moines, Chillicothe, Southern Indiana, Chartiers, Monongahela, Sydney, and Egypt, were read.

The Moderator nominated, and the Assembly confirmed the following Standing Committees, viz.:

Committee on Bills and Overtures.—John T. Pressly, D. D., James Barnett, D. D., Jos. Scroggs, D. D., Josiah Thompson, ministers; A. D. Kirkpatrick, J. B. Crothers, Hugh Macdill, elders.

Judicial Committee.—Thomas Beveridge, D. D., Donald M'Laren, D. D., J. B. Johnston, Jackson Duff, Cyrus Cummins, ministers; T. C. Reid, Wm. Lendrum, Isaac M'Farland, elders.

Committee on Correspondence.—David R. Kerr, D. D., J. B. Lee, W. C. Jackson, ministers; Robert Caldwell, Andrew Beveridge, elders.

Committee on Narrative and State of Religion.—James Duncan, J. Y. Ashenhust, John Gillespie, ministers; H. H. Oliver, John Reynolds, elders.

Committee on Devotional Exercises.—H. M'Hatton, James Thompson, J. P. Robb, ministers; James Frazier, Peter Donaldson, elders.

Committee on Finance.—John Van Eaton, J. G. Brown, ministers; S. C. Huey, W. M. M'Knight, James Findley, elders.

Committee on Board of Foreign Missions.—Joseph Clokey, D. D., James Brown, D. D., J. P. Scott, ministers; Wm. Scouller, Samuel George, elders.

Committee on Board of Home Missions.—J. L. Craig, J. G. Brown, J. A. M'Gill, ministers; James J. Larimer, I. L. Millen, elders.

Committee on Board of Publication.—W. H. Andrew, T. F. Baird, John Todd, ministers; James M'Gay, James Baine, elders.

Committee on Board of Education.—G. C. Vincent, G. K. Ormond, J. C. Campbell, ministers; Charles Arbuthnot, R. Ritchie, elders.

Committee on Board of Church Extension.—David Macdill, James Crowe, S. S. Ralston, ministers; James Mitchell, Joseph Campbell, elders.

Committee on Systematic Beneficence.—Andrew Ritchie, J. R. Walker, J. H. Buchanan, ministers; R. Spencer, Jr., John Williamson, elders.

Committee on Statistics.—J. P. Wright, W. C. M'Cune, H. Parks, ministers; David Hervey, Andrew Mekemson, elders.

Closed with prayer by Dr. Brown.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Assembly met. Opened with singing by the Assembly, and reading of the Scriptures by the Moderator, and prayer by Dr. Barnett. The minutes of the last session were read.

A communication from the United States Christian Commission was read.

Rev. A. G. M'Auley, of Philadelphia, being present as a representative of the Christian Commission, was, on motion of Rev. Drs. Pressly and Clokey, invited to address the Assembly in behalf of the Commission, which he accordingly did.

Dr. J. T. Pressly and Mr. S. C. Huey offered the following, which was adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Assembly express its grateful recognition of the Divine agency in raising up the United States Christian Commission, and in directing their operations.

2. *Resolved*, That this Commission be recommended to the sympathy and co-operation of all the congregations under the care of this General Assembly; and that all be invited to aid this association in the prosecution of its beneficent work.

A memorial from certain members of the congregation of Johnstown was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church was read, and, on motion, received. Dr. J. T. Pressly presented, in connexion with this communication, a paper addressed to the Evangelical denominations of Christians throughout the United States by a Committee appointed by a Convention lately held in Pittsburgh, proposing to obtain an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The paper was received, and, on motion of Dr. Brown and Rev. G. K. Ormond, was referred to a special committee. The following persons were appointed on the committee: James Brown, D. D.; A. Heron, D. D.; Thomas Fergus, Esq.; Joseph Clokey, D. D.; J. T. Pressly, D. D.; Joseph Scroggs, D. D.; Thomas Beveridge, D. D.

The reports of the following Presbyteries were read: Argyle, Xenia, Frankfort, 1st Presbytery of Ohio, Big Spring, and Mercer.

A petition from Grasshopper Falls, for a supply of preaching, was read.

A report of the committee appointed last year to revise the metrical version of the Psalms, was read.

The report of the Board of Publication was read and referred to the committee on that Board.

The report of the committee appointed last year to examine the Rev. Mr. Wilson's version of the Psalms was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Dr. Beveridge, Dr. Clokey, Dr. Kerr, S. C. Huey, and Jas. Baine.

A committee was appointed on Credentials—Rev. J. B. Lee, Rev. Thomas Calahan, Rev. J. A. Collins.

A communication signed by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, now holding its sessions in Pecria, Illinois, certifying to the fact that Rev. R. C. Grundy, D. D., of Cincinnati, and John D. Thorpe, Esq., of Cincinnati, were appointed by said General Assembly as corresponding commis-

sioners to this Assembly, was read. The paper was, on motion, received and two o'clock, P. M., was appointed by the Assembly to hear these delegates.

The Moderator appointed as members of the Committee on the Board of Home Missions, the following persons: Rev. J. L. Craig, J. G. Brown, J. A. McGill, ministers; James J. Larimer, and I. L. Millen, elders.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. G. Walker.

Friday, 2 *o'clock.*

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Campbell. Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. R. C. Grundy, D. D., the ministerial delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, was invited to address the Assembly, which he accordingly did, and was responded to by the Moderator. The other delegate being invited to address the Assembly, it was announced that he was not present.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented the following, which was adopted, and is as follows:

"The Committee on Devotional Exercises would respectfully report—

"1st. That the General Assemby meet at half-past eight o'clock, A. M., and spend one-half hour in prayer and conference.

"2d. That a prayer-meeting be held on Monday evening, at a quarter before eight o'clock, Rev. J. H. Peacock presiding.

"3d. That a meeting for prayer and conference on the subject of Home Missions be held on Tuesday evening, at a quarter before 8 o'clock, Dr. McLaren presiding.

"4th. That a meeting be held on Wednesday evening, at a quarter before 8 o'clock, for prayer and conference on the State of the Country, Rev. G. C. Vincent presiding."

Leave of absence was granted to the special committee in relation to the proposition to obtain an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read and referred to the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Board of Education, together with the report of the Treasurer of said Board, was read and referred to the Committee on the Board of Education.

The report of the Board of Home Missions, and the report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund, were read and referred respectively to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions, and to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was presented and referred to the Committee on the Board of Publication and the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Treasurer of the Assembly's Fund was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A petition from the congregation of Grasshopper Falls, for a supply of preaching, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

It was resolved that so much of the reports of the Presbyteries as relate to the overtures be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures—that so much of these reports as relates to the state of religion be referred to the Committee on Narrative and State of Religion—that so much of said reports as relates to the subject of Psalmody be referred to the Committee on Psalmody—that so much as refers to systematic beneficence be referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence—that so much as refers to the failures of persons to fulfil their appointments be referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

The report of the Presbytery of Egypt was referred to the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Presbytery of Oregon was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

The Memorial from the Presbytery of Monmouth in relation to the duty of persons respecting the choice of civil rulers was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

So much of the report of the Presbytery of Boston as relates to the establishment of a mission in California, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

All papers relating to statistics were referred to the Committee on Statistics.

The Assembly proceeded to appoint Financial Agents for the various Presbyteries. The following persons were appointed:

PRESBYTERIES.	FINANCIAL AGENTS.	PRESBYTERIES.	FINANCIAL AGENTS.
Albany,	Rev. P. Bullions, D. D.	Bloomington,	Rev. J. S. M'Cullough.
Boston,	Rev. A. Blaikie.	Chicago,	Rev. W. T. Moffett.
Caledonia,	Rev. John Van Eaton.	Kansas,	Alex. M'Gahey, Esq.
Delaware,	Rev. J. B. Lee.	Indiana,	Rev. G. Small.
First New York,	Rev. J. A. M'Gill.	First Ohio,	Rev. J. Y. Scouller.
Second New York,	Rev. James T. Wilson.	Michigan,	Rev. J. P. Wright.
Philadelphia,	Rev. W. W. Barr.	Monongahela,	Rev. Dr. Gracey.
Stamford,	Rev. John Gillespie.	Mansfield,	Rev. J. Y. Ashenhust.
Sidney,	Rev. Saml. Wallace.	Allegheny,	Rev. C. A. Dickey.
Vermont,	Rev. T. Goodwillie.	Westmoreland,	Rev. James Kelso.
Southern Indiana,	Rev. J. L. Craig.	Monmouth,	Rev. J. R. M'Allister.
Xenia,	Rev. Dr. Wilson.	Des Moines,	Rev. J. H. Young.
St. Louis,	Rev. Henry Allen.	Le Claire,	Rev. R. S. Campbell.
Keokuk,	Rev. S. F. Vanatta.	Frankfort,	Rev. J. G. Rankin.
Oregon,	Rev. S. G. Irvine.	Detroit,	Rev. J. P. Scott.
Chartiers,	Rev. D. S. Littell.	Conemaugh,	R. C. Taylor, Esq.
Cleveland,	Rev. S. T. Herron.	Wheeling,	Rev. J. T. M'Clure.
Steubenville,	Rev. Jos. Andrews.	Chillicothe,	Rev. D. MacDill.
Butler,	Rev. J. A. Clark.	Mercer,	Rev. B. K. Ormond.
Lake,	Rev. H. H. Thompson.	Muskingum,	Rev. J. P. Lytle.
Argyle,	Jas. Thompson, Esq.		

The moderator made, and the Assembly confirmed, the following appointments of persons as a Committee on Presbyterial Reports:—Rev. Jas. Thompson, J. H. Nash, Thos. Calahan, ministers; and John Simpson and William Walker, elders.

The Committee on Credentials made a report which was received. Pending the discussion of a motion to adopt the report the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Dr. Heron.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Dr. Clokey. Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A report from the western mission field, signed William Douthett, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

A petition from George Darling, in reference to the duty of renewing our covenant engagements, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Read a communication from J. N. Buchanan, Executor of the estate of T. Dinwiddie, deceased. Said paper was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Read a communication from Isaac N. Laughead, giving notice of a bequest of $400 to the United Presbyterian Church, to be divided equally between the Boards of the Home and Foreign Missions, and the Board of Education. Said paper was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resumed the discussion on the motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Credentials. The report was laid on the table.

So much of the Presbyterial Reports as refers to the state of the votes on

the different overtures that have been before the Presbyteries, was transferred from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, to a special committee. Said special committee consists of Revs. J. C. Forsythe, J. C. Telford, D. S. Littell, and Messrs. Thos. Fergus, and Robert Bell.

A paper, making application for the supply of pulpits on next Sabbath, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Dr. Rodgers made some statements relative to the importance and necessity of procuring a charter for the Board of Publication; whereupon Revs. W. H. Andrew and Thos. Calahan offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be and hereby are authorized to proceed in the completion of their organization under the charter now obtained, intrusting the perfecting of the charter to the Executive Committee of the Board.

This matter, and the whole subject relative to the chartering of the Boards of the Church, was referred to a select committee of three. The committee consists of James Baine, Esq., S. C. Huey, and Rev. G. M. Hall.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. John Armstrong, and was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Reports:

Whereas, many of the Presbyterial reports are unusually lengthy, and *whereas* the time of the Assembly has been largely consumed in hearing said reports, and *whereas* the embodiment of said reports in the printed proceedings of the Assembly will unnecessarily increase the expense of publishing the minutes; therefore

Resolved, That Presbyteries be and hereby are directed in future to study brevity and precision in the preparation of their reports to the General Assembly.

It was resolved, that when this Assembly adjourn at this session, it shall be to meet on Monday, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

A memorial from the Presbytery of Steubenville, in reference to the freedmen of the South, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

So much of the reports of the Presbyteries of Philadelphia and Westmoreland as relates to the making of one member of each of the Boards of the Church a corresponding member of the Assembly, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The memorial from the Presbytery of Westmoreland, in relation to a Church register, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Publication.

So much of the report of the Presbytery of Delaware, and other Presbyteries, as relates to the non-fulfilment of appointments by the itinerants of the Church, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

The memorial from the Presbyteries of Sydney and Xenia, respecting the Directory of Worship and Book of Discipline, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was adopted.

An appeal of the Rev. R. A. Hill, missionary in Northern India, from a decision of the Presbytery of Sealkote, was read, and referred to the Judicial Committee.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Drs. Pressly and Clokey, and was adopted:

Resolved, That the Assembly have been much gratified by the attendance of the Rev. Dr. Grundy, a delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.)—that we have heard with much pleasure, his interesting address, and that we express the hope that the fraternal correspondence commenced between the two churches, may be long and happily continued.

Adjourned, to meet on Monday, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer by Dr. Grundy.

June 1*st*, *Monday*, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by the moderator. Minutes of the last session were read and approved. Read a report from the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly. Said paper was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report on the memorial of the Presbytery of Monmouth, desiring the General Assembly to issue an address relative to the exercise of the elective franchise, which was received and adopted.

On the memorial of the Presbytery of Monmouth the Committee of Overtures respectfully submit the following Report.

The desire of the memorialists is, that the General Assembly would prepare and issue an address to the people under our care, relative to the obligations resting upon us, to exercise the elective franchise in a manner becoming the character of a Christian people. In the good providence of God, we as a people enjoy the distinguished privilege of electing those who are to exercise authority over us. In the Bible we are very distinctly taught what are the qualifications which should be possessed by those who are clothed with authority in the state. And as it is righteousness which exalteth a nation, it is manifestly the duty of the Christian citizen to exert his power and influence in elevating to offices of honour and of trust able men, who fear God and hate covetousness. And for the manner in which he discharges this, as well as every other duty, the Christian is accountable to God.

But the duty of the Christian minister, who is commissioned to teach all things whatsoever Christ has commanded, whether men will hear or whether they will forbear, is so plain, and those who are clothed with the sacred office in the United Presbyterian church, should be so well acquainted with what they are required to teach, that an address from this General Assembly on this subject would seem to be unnecessary. Nor does the Christian minister need the authority of the General Assembly to warrant him to teach men what is their duty on this subject.—He has already that which is better, the authority of the King of kings. If a formal address from the supreme Judicatory of the church, on the subject of the exercise of the elective franchise, be required, there are not a few other subjects which would seem to be equally worthy of attention. But is it necessary that the time and attention of this General Assembly should be occupied in preparing and publishing addresses, on subjects on which pastors are supposed to be fully competent to give instruction, and on which the faithful pastor will not be silent?

Without therefore proposing to prepare an address on this subject, for which there is not time during the sessions of the Assembly and for which we are unable to see that there is any special necessity, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is the duty of the pastor to instruct the people of his charge, in relation to the responsibility which rests upon them in the exercise of the elective franchise, as well as with regard to all other obligations which rest upon them as Christians and as citizens, as circumstances may require.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report in relation to the memorials of the Presbyteries of Philadelphia and Westmoreland, requesting the Assembly to pass an act to recognise as a corresponding member one person from each of the Boards.

With respect to the request of the Presbyteries of Philadelphia and Westmoreland that the Assembly would pass an act constituting such member of each Board of the church as may be appointed by the Board, an *ex-officio* member of the Assembly, the Committee on Overtures respectfully submit the following report.

When it is thought important that a member of each Board should be present at the Assembly for any purpose, the Presbytery can appoint him as their delegate. And as this will secure the object of giving to the Assembly any information relative to the affairs of the Board which may be necessary, there seems to be no necessity to constitute any one a member *ex-officio*. We cannot therefore see that any important object could be secured by establishing such an act, which may not as well be accomplished without it.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that an act constituting any member of either of the Boards of the church an *ex-officio* member of the Assembly is unnecessary.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman.*

This report was received, and discussed at some length, when the following motion was offered by Dr. Clokey, which was laid on the table for the present.

Resolved, That each Board be entitled to a representative on the floor of the Assembly, and in cases where such a representative is not a delegate, that his expenses be borne out of the funds of the Assembly.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the reports of the Presbyteries of Sydney and Xenia, respecting proposed amendments on the Book of Government and Discipline. Said report was accepted and laid upon the table until the Assembly act upon the Book of Discipline.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension was referred to the Committee on the Board of Church Extension and the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Presbytery of Albany was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and the Committee to count the votes of the Presbyteries on the overtures.

A petition signed by a number of persons at Eden Prairie, Minnesota, praying for a supply of preaching, was read and referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

Mr. Harper and Rev. J. Crowe offered the following, which was laid upon the table.

Resolved, That each of the Boards be empowered to send a representative to the annual meeting of the General Assembly, from the funds of which the travelling expenses of said representative shall be borne.

Dr. Heron and Rev. Mr. Craig offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Resolved, That this Assembly propose to correspond by delegates with the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in this country, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to present this proposal before said Synod.

Proceeded to fix the time and place of meeting for the next Assembly.—Philadelphia was selected by a unanimous vote of the Assembly. It was agreed to meet in the 2d Church, on the 4th Wednesday of May, at 7½ P. M.

The following Preamble and Resolution were received and referred to the Board of Home Missions.

Whereas, A member of the United Presbyterian Church, feeling an interest in the spiritual welfare of the Aborigines of our country, and feeling desirous that a mission should be established among them, proposes to give one hundred dollars on call, and another hundred next year to secure this object; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions be directed to take this subject under consideration at this meeting, and if unprepared to report favourably and intelligently now, that they recommend (if judged to be expedient) the appointment of a committee to report on this subject to the Board of Home Missions of the next General Assembly.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the paper of J. Donnan and others, asking the General Assembly to prepare and overture a new modified adopting act. It is as follows:

On the memorial of J. Donnan and others, the Committee of Overtures would submit the following report.

The memorialists complain of the alleged ambiguity of the act adopting the Basis of Union, at the time of the consummation of the union, and of what they are pleased to represent as contradictory deliverances of different Assemblies in relation to its meaning; and their prayer is that this General Assembly would prepare a new and modified adopting act which shall be "sent down in overture to

the Presbyteries and Sessions for their judgment thereon." While to every individual is freely conceded the right to appear before the Assembly by way of petition, on any subject involving the cause of truth and righteousness, there should certainly be some limit to the exercise of this right, and the patience of the Assembly should not be subjected to any unnecessary trial. The subject of this memorial, in one form or other, has already on various occasions been brought before the Assembly; and if the different deliverances which have been given have failed to yield satisfaction, it would seem to be in vain to make any farther effort. It has long since been distinctly declared by the General Assembly, that what is wanted in the United Presbyterian church, is not the amendment or modification of our ecclesiastical Standards, but the exercise of brotherly love and the honest and faithful application of our avowed principles. And it is the business of the courts of the church, to see that the principles embodied in these standards are faithfully applied in practice.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the former action of the General Assembly renders it unnecessary that any farther deliverance should be given at this time, on the subject to which the memorialists refer. JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman.*

This report was received and laid upon the table.

The Assembly adjourned, to meet at 3 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev. W. C. McCune.

Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Rev. J. G. Brown. Minutes of last session were read and approved. The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted.

On the report of the Trustees of the General Assembly, the Committee on Overtures present the following report:

Resolved, That James McCandless, David Reed, and Graham Scott, whose term of office expires on the 1st Tuesday of July, 1863, be re-elected for the usual term.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman.*

The report of the Trustees of the General Assembly was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee on Systematic Beneficence report,

By a resolution of a former Assembly it is made the duty of this committee,—

1st. To examine Presbyterial reports, to ascertain what system, if any, the various Presbyteries employ in raising funds for the church.

2d. To recommend such plans as may be deemed adapted to replenish the church's treasury. On the first of these points your committee report that only one Presbytery has reported on the question, and that in such a way as not to present the *working* of their plan denominated the *card* system. On the second point we deem it sufficient to remind the Assembly, and through it the Presbyteries under its care, of the great importance of fostering not only a spirit of giving, but of *systematic* giving. The present operations of God's providence in our own and other lands give intensity to the wail of a sin-stricken world, calling to the church for deliverance, but in giving that deliverance "money is power." With empty treasuries the church is crippled in carrying out her present plans and deterred from engaging in new ones for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. And certain it is the proportion of the resources of the church's membership, which God demands, will not be poured into the treasury until the truth is recognised that it is the Christian's duty not merely to give of his substance to sustain the cause of Christ in the world, but to give *systematically.*

What success would be found in cultivating the spirit of prayer, if Christians attended to the duty hap-hazard, asking a blessing to-day and to-morrow, and then not for a week or a month; so must it be in cultivating the grace of beneficence (for it is a grace: says an apostle, "See that ye abound in this grace also,") if we only give on the impulse of the moment when an appeal is presented, without regard to system, the grace of beneficence will continue in our hearts only a root, whereas it should be nurtured into a blossom of beauty, sending to many hearts and lands, ay, to heaven itself, an odour of sweetness. Therefore,

Resolved, That Presbyteries are hereby enjoined to consider, what in their judgment is the best mode of fostering a spirit of *systematic* beneficence in the congregations under their care, and endeavour to carry it into practice, and report their mode of operation and success to next General Assembly.

A. RITCHIE, *Chairman of Committee.*

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report on the petition of the Presbytery of Steubenville, and the memorial of George Darling. Said report was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

On the petition of the Presbytery of Steubenville and the memorial of George Darling on the subject of engaging in the solemn duty of social covenanting, the Committee on Overtures report:

That public social covenanting is "a moral duty to be observed on extraordinary occasions, as the providence of God and the circumstances of the church may indicate," we as a church have distinctly declared. This duty, it is maintained, is seasonable in times of great danger to the church, in times of exposure to backsliding, or in times of reformation, when the church is returning to God from a state of backsliding. The question for our consideration, then, is not whether it is a duty to engage in this exercise, but whether the providence of God and the circumstances of the church furnish a call to engage in this duty at the present time. When we cast our eyes over the church, we are unable to see that there is any thing peculiar in her present situation. There is doubtless much cause for humiliation on account of coldness and formality, want of zeal and conformity to the world. But at the same time there is cause of thankfulness for the manifestations of God's gracious presence among us, the increase of labourers in the Lord's vineyard, and the success which to some extent crowns their labours. Whatever therefore may be the condition of any particular congregation, it does not appear that there is any thing peculiar or extraordinary in the circumstances of the church at large, which would indicate a providential call to engage in this duty. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that while congregations may consider the dealings of Divine Providence with them and the church at large—to determine what is their duty in relation to this matter, this General Assembly does not see that the circumstances in which we are placed furnish a special providential call to the church, to engage in the duty of public social covenanting with God at the present time.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman.*

Dr. Scroggs, as a member of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented a minority Report on the petition of J. Donnan and others, asking the Assembly to prepare and overture a modified adopting Act. It is herewith published as authorized by the Assembly.

The subscriber, a member of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, is constrained to withhold his concurrence in the report of the majority on the memorial of John Donnan and others of the congregation of Johnstown, because the object of the memorialists is not fairly met, nor their reasons of complaint in any way satisfactorily disposed of.

They complain of ambiguity in a fundamental law of the church, and in proof of this they produce four arguments. Now if the matter complained of be unimportant in itself, or if the proofs of its existence be unsound or inconclusive, it was easy to show it; but neither the one nor the other is attempted in the report. True, they are referred to former deliverances of the Assembly on the subject, but it should be noticed that the conflicting character of these deliverances is one of the prominent proofs they allege of the ambiguity of the law itself; and while they are treated as if they desired farther deliverances, they are in fact utterly disclaiming these as tried and found inefficient, and propose, instead of these, some change in the expression of the fundamental law itself as the only effectual way of removing the difficulty and producing uniformity in our terms of communion. In *this*, or in some such view of the case as this, the subscriber himself is constrained to concur, and accordingly with all due respect submits it to the consideration of the combined wisdom of this venerable Assembly. J. SCROGGS.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the same subject having been laid on the table in the forenoon session, was called up. A motion was made to adopt said report.

The following resolution was offered by Revs. Lee and Peacock.

Resolved, That the report be recommitted, with instructions to embody in their report a statement to the effect that "the forbearance in love" referred to in the Adopting Act, applied only to those who were members of the Associate and the Associate Reformed Churches at the time the union was consummated. A motion was made to amend this resolution by striking out all after the word "recommitted." This motion to amend the resolution was lost.

The vote was then taken on the resolution to recommit with instructions. This was decided in the negative.

The report of the Committee was then adopted. (See page 73.)

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. P. Chambers.

Tuesday Morning, 9 *o'clock.*

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Dr. Scroggs. Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Dr. Scroggs asked and obtained leave to enter his dissent, should he conclude to do so, from the action of the Assembly in relation to the memorial of J. Donnan and others.

The Judicial Committee made a report on the appeal of the Rev. R. A. Hill, which was received and laid upon the table for the present.

The Committee appointed on the report of the Committee appointed by the last Assembly to revise our present metrical version of the Psalms, made a report. Said report was accepted and laid upon the table for the present.

The same Committee in relation to a new metrical version of the Book of Psalms made a report. Said report was accepted and laid upon the table for the present.

The Committee on Statistics made a report on the Report of the Presbytery of Muskingum, in relation to the publication by the Assembly of Sabbath School statistics. Said report was recommitted, with instructions to direct the Presbyteries to report their Sabbath School statistics.

The Board of Church Extension made a report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Church Extension.

The special committee appointed to take into consideration the procuring of charters for the several Boards of the church made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to which was referred the matter of procuring charters for the several Boards of the Church, beg leave to report the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, that the Board of Publication be and it is hereby authorized, to organize under the act of incorporation passed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, approved April 14th, 1863: and procure the following amendment to said act of incorporation, so soon as the same can be done, to wit:

"Be it enacted," &c. That section 6th of said act of incorporation be amended so as to read as follows: That the persons herein designated as corporators shall, as soon as practicable, organize and appoint officers and managers, and from time to time make rules, regulations, and by-laws, necessary to carry out the objects herein set forth: *Provided*, that such rules, regulations, and by-laws be not repugnant to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and the Constitution and laws of the United States. And this corporation shall be continued by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church electing three members annually, who shall take the place of the three whose terms of office expire according to the regulations adopted by said Assembly.

2. *Resolved*, that the Boards of Foreign Missions, Church Extension, and Education be and they are hereby severally authorized to procure Charters, or acts of incorporation, whenever in the opinion of any of said Boards it may become necessary for the transaction of its business, and submit the same to the General Assembly for its approval.

Respectfully submitted.

Jas. Baine, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Presbyterial Reports made a report, which was accepted and discussed, and the whole matter laid on the table.

A telegram was read by the Moderator, in relation to the act of the Board of Home Missions, removing Mr. McCartney from Nebraska City. Said telegram was for the present laid on the table.

The Committee on the Board of Home Missions made a report, which was accepted, and the whole subject of Home Missions made the order of the day for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Committee on the Publication of Sabbath School statistics, made a report, which was accepted, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

On the request of the Presbytery of Muskingum respecting publishing in our minutes Sabbath School statistics, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the presbyteries be directed to report the statistics of the Sabbath schools of our church in their bounds.

Resolved, 2. That these statistics embrace the following items, to wit: number of schools, number of mission schools, number of officers and teachers, number of scholars, the increase or decrease in the year, number of Sabbath School papers, and amount contributed by these schools to benevolent objects.

JAS P. WRIGHT, *Chairman.*

The Committee to which was referred the circular and accompanying papers, in relation to the calling of a Convention of Christians, with a view to obtain an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, made the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee to which was referred the circular from a meeting of Christian citizens in Pittsburgh, on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and the communication on the same subject from the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, would respectfully recommend the following action:—

Whereas, There is "verily a God that judgeth in the earth;" and, *whereas*, He has revealed His will for the government of men in all possible relations in the Holy Scriptures, and, *whereas*, it is the duty of nations in their national capacity, as well as individuals, to recognise the existence, the providential care and government, and supreme authority of God as so revealed; and, *whereas*, there is no such distinct recognition in the Federal Constitution, the fundamental law of our land, and, *whereas*, we believe this to be a serious defect and a standing national sin, for which, among other sins, God is now pleading a controversy with us. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That this Assembly cordially approves of the general object contemplated in these communications, and we are prepared to co-operate with Christians of all denominations in all lawful efforts to obtain such an amendment to our National Constitution, as shall expressly recognize our national allegiance to God and the supremacy of His law as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

Resolved, 2d. That in the judgment of this court the plan proposed in the circular of Christians of various denominations meeting together in Convention, is well calculated to promote the object contemplated, as thereby the united judgment, and combined influence of the Christian public will be obtained.

Resolved, 3d. That we appoint four delegates, two ministers, and two laymen, to attend the proposed convention to meet in the city of Pittsburgh, July 4th, 1863.

Resolved, 4th. That in the opinion of this body, the present is the opportune moment for action on this subject, when the chastening hand of our offended God is heavy upon us, and our people, filled with anxiety for the issue of the terrible impending conflict, are more disposed to acknowledge the authority of God, and our subjection to His will than ever heretofore.

JAMES BROWN, JOHN T. PRESSLY, J. SCROGGS, T. BEVERIDGE,
Majority of Committee.

A motion was made to adopt the first resolution in said report. Pending the discussion of this motion, the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. W. T. Moffet.

Tuesday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Rev. D. S. Patterson. Minutes of the last session were read and approved. Proceeded to the order of the day, namely, the consideration of the Report of the Board of Home Missions, as

presented in the amended report of the Committee. Took up for consideration the Report of the Board of Home Missions.

The eighth resolution in the Report was discussed, and finally on motion laid upon the table.

The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Dr. Kerr.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met. Opened with prayer by the Moderator. Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Messrs. Burgess and Baine were granted leave of absence for the remaining sessions.

Rev. Duncan and Elder Martin were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence.

Papers being called for, a memorial from the congregation of Troy, Ohio, complaining of the action of the Presbytery of Mansfield, in the case of Rev. R. Gaily, was handed in and read. This paper was, on motion, accepted, and after various motions were made for its disposition, it was laid upon the table.

A report of the Presbytery of Sealkote, with the answers of the Presbytery to the Appeal of the Rev. R. A. Hill having been handed in to the Moderator, was accepted and laid upon the table for the present.

Dr. Kerr, in behalf of the Committee on Correspondence, reported the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That this Assembly propose to correspond by delegation with the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. and also with the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; and that this Assembly appoint a delegate to attend the next meeting of each of these Synods.

The Committee on the Board of Church Extension made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Board of Church Extension present the following report:

So far as our information extends, the Board have been prosecuting their work with judgment and zeal. It is, however, a matter of regret that their operations have been very much limited by the want of funds. There has been a falling off in the contributions of the church to this Board. Last year the amount contributed was more than $2000. This year the Board report the amount received to be $1072,58, including a balance on hand at the commencement of the year. In order that the operations of the Board may be enlarged it is indispensable that the amount placed at their disposal shall be increased.

The report of the treasurer shows that many congregations have contributed nothing during the year to this Board.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

1. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of the Board during the year be and are hereby approved.

2. *Resolved*, That the congregations under our care be and are hereby reminded of the duty of contributing liberally to the funds of this as well as of other Boards of the church.

3. *Resolved*, That Rev. J. T. Pressly, D. D., Rev. S. B. Reed, and Mr. Thomas Wakeham, whose terms of office expire at this time, be and are hereby re-elected members of the Board for the usual terms. D. Macdill, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Board of Publication made a report, which was amended, and with the exception of the 3d, 4th, and 6th, resolutions, which were laid upon the table, said report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Board of Publication respectfully reports, that while the operations of the Board, during the past year, have been considerably restricted by the limited amount of means placed at its disposal, and by other causes over which it had no control, its affairs have been nevertheless energetically and prudently managed, and good has been accomplished by its instrumentality.

It is to be regretted that a very considerable amount of the money allotted to the Board, by the last General Assembly, has not been received. This failure, in the way of contributions, on the part of the church, is embarrassing to the Board, and necessarily impairs its efficiency, and should not occur.

If a religious literature, suited to the spirit and genius of the United Presbyterian Church is desirable and necessary, then the means to procure and disseminate it, should at once be placed at the disposal of this Board.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. That the Assembly approves the operations of the Board for the past year.

2. That the sum of $2500 be contributed to the funds of this Board during the current year.

[3. That the Board be authorized and directed to publish as soon as practicable in a single volume, the Standards of the United Presbyterian Church, viz., the Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger and Shorter Catechisms, Testimony, Book of Government, and Discipline, and Directory for Worship.]

[4. That the general name or title of the book be—"The Constitution and Laws of the United Presbyterian Church of North America."]

5. That the Board be authorized and directed to establish a fund, with a view to publish the Scriptures, and along with them, an approved metrical version of the Psalms when such a version shall have been prepared and adopted by the Assembly, and that the bequests and donations already made to the Board for this purpose be the commencement of this fund.

[6. That this Assembly recommends that a depository for the sale and distribution of the publications of this Board be established in each Synod subordinate to the Assembly, and that the location of such depository be under the direction of the several subordinate Synods respectively, and that ministers be urged to call the attention of the people to these publications.]

7. That the Board be, and hereby is authorized to make donations of books, and libraries, to weak and indigent Sabbath Schools, and that discretionary power be granted to it, in the selection of such Schools.

8. That the vacancies in the Board occasioned by the expiration of the time of Messrs. James Prestley, D. D., James Rodgers, D. D., and James Robb, be filled by their re-election.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. Andrew, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the report of the Board of Publication made a report on the memorial from the Presbytery of Westmoreland, asking the Assembly to direct the Board of Publication to issue a Church Register, &c., which was adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Board of Publication on the memorial from the Presbytery of Westmoreland.

This Presbytery asks the Assembly to prepare and publish "a Church Register suitable for use in our Sessions, and also such Blanks as are frequently required, as Certificates of Dismission, Commissions to the Assembly, accounts between missions or missionaries and the Board with certificate of Financial agent," &c.—Such Registers and Blanks, in the judgment of the committee, are necessary to secure full and correct statistics and a uniformity in the business transactions of the church, and would greatly facilitate and render more perfect the labours of the clerks of Presbyteries. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following.

Resolved, That in accordance with the petition of the Westmoreland Presbytery the Board of Publication be authorized to prepare and publish Registers and Blanks for the use of Sessions, Missionaries and Financial agents, in such form, and in such numbers, as the exigencies of the church may, in the judgment of the Board, demand.

Respectfully submitted. W. H. Andrew, *Chairman.*

The report of the Judicial Committee on the appeal of the Rev. R. A. Hill, was taken up and made the special order for this afternoon, immediately after the consideration of the report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Narrative and the State of Religion made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Narrative would respectfully present the following, as gathered from the reports of Presbyteries.

1. In reference to statistics during the past year there have been thirty ordina-

tions, forty-three installations, twenty-three licensures and sixteen received as students of Theology. There have been eighteen dissolutions of the pastoral relation and eleven dismissions to connect with sister Presbyteries. Seven of our ministers, are reported in the army, mostly as Chaplains, and eight of our Theological students. Only two of our ministers have been removed by death.

2. In reference to the state of religion. The Sabbath Schools are reported as in a prosperous condition. Prayer meetings are kept up with increasing interest. Mention is made of the becoming observance of the week of prayer, as also of the late national fast. A good report is given of the observance and support of divine ordinances, and contributions are generally reported as on the increase. A good account is given of the prevalence of peace, temperance and brotherly love throughout our congregations, with one or two exceptions. So that we may express the pleasing hope that the promise is being fulfilled in our experience, as a branch of the church. "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, who shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." JAMES DUNCAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the report of the Board of Education made a report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows.

Your committee would report that the interests of the Church committed to the Board of Education seem to be managed with a carefulness and zeal which is commendable. As stated in the report, they have disbursed during the past year the sum of $1680. They ask for the ensuing year the sum of $2000.

With a view to this and other suggestions of the Board we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. That the respective Presbyteries represented in this Assembly be directed to make an apportionment of the claims of this Board in connexion with the claims of other Boards of the church, among all their congregations, and to see that these claims are respected.

2. In order that the interests committed to this Board be properly understood, the pastors of all our settled congregations be enjoined to preach a sermon, some time during the year, on the subject of *Education.*

3. To guard against lowering the standard of literary attainments on the part of the ministry, that Presbyteries be enjoined to exercise great carefulness and thoroughness in examination of candidates for the study of Theology, especially in cases where the candidate cannot present, a diploma from any college authorized to confer Degrees.

4. That the funds of this Board be managed with proper economy, and at the same time justice be done to those benefited by their funds, the Assembly direct the Board to alter the by-law, so that no individual shall receive in the aggregate a sum exceeding four hundred dollars, beginning with the Senior year of his College course, and extending, if need be, through the whole term of his Theological course.

5. *Resolved,* That David A. Wallace, D. G. Bradford, and James A. Martin, be elected members of the Board of Education.

G. C. VINCENT, GEORGE K. ORMOND, J. C. CAMPBELL, RICHARD RICHIE.

Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Elder David Mitchell.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Rev. David McDill. Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up. The report of the Committee on the report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read and accepted. The special order, namely, the consideration of the report of the Committe on the Board of Foreign Missions was laid on the table until after the report of the Judicial Committee on the appeal of the Rev. R. A. Hill be disposed of.

The report of the Presbytery of Sealkote was read, also the appeal of Mr. Hill and the answers of Presbytery of Sealkote to said appeal.

The report of the Judicial Committee in this case was read, and being taken up by the Assembly, was amended by the addition of the 1st resolution.

The Assembly resolved to consider it *seriatim*. The 1st resolution was adopted. A motion was made to hear Mr. Hill. This motion was lost on the ground that the Presbytery could not be heard in reply. A motion was also made and negatived to hear explanations from Mr. Hill on points introduced in the Answers of the Presbytery to which Mr. Hill made no reference in his Reasons of appeal. The 2d resolution in the report of the Committee was adopted.

It was resolved, that when the Assembly adjourn, it will be to meet at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Resumed the discussion of the 3d resolution in the report of the Judicial Committee in the case of Mr. Hill. Pending the discussion of the resolution, the hour of adjournment arrived.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. John Harper.

7½ o'clock, P. M.

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Rev. John M. Gordon. Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion, the nomination of delegates to attend the Reformed Presbyterian Synods, and the arrangements of the proposed correspondence with the Synods were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Took up the report of the Board of Home Missions. The Rev. G. C. Vincent offered the following, which was adopted as a substitute for the fifth part of the report of the Board.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to report to this Assembly a general plan of operations by a Board or Central Committee, which shall have the charge and oversight of missions to the freed men of our Southern States.

Said special committee was directed to report to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, with the view to take up their report at that time as the order of the day. Revs. G. C. Vincent, J. B. Johnston, John Van Eaton, and Elders Wm. Walker and D. Mitchell, were appointed on this committee. The fifth part of the Report of the Board of Home Missions was referred to said committee.

The oversight of the missions in the cities of St. Louis and Chicago was referred to the Presbyteries in whose bounds they are located.

The Report of the committee on the Board was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on the Board of Home Missions would respectfully report:—

We have endeavoured to consider the various matters referred to us, including the annual report of the Board. With the advice and concurrence of the Board we have amended their report, and herewith return it in its present form for the final action of the Assembly.

The following resolutions are therefore submitted:

Resolved, 1st. That the report of the Board of Home Missions in its present amended form be and it is hereby adopted.

Resolved, 2d. That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be raised during the coming year to meet the demands of the Home Board.

Resolved, 3d. That Rev. Thomas Beveridge, D. D., Rev. R. B. Ewing, and Messrs. David Millen, D. A. Dean, and John Fleming, be re-elected members of the Executive committee for the coming year. Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Craig, *Chairman.*

Mr. John Fleming was elected Treasurer of the Board of the Home Mission Fund.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. Hugh Parks.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Rev. John Armstrong. Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence asked and obtained leave for Messrs. W. H. Jamison, S. M. Kier, J. C. Telford. Thos. Lawrence, J. H. Buchanan, Jackson Duff, Andrew Mekemson, Thos. Acheson, James White, James Smith, and Robert Thomson.

The committee appointed to ascertain and report the state of the votes in the several overtures before the church made a report, which was accepted.

Professor Vincent asked and obtained leave for the special committee in relation to the freed men of the South to retire.

The report of the committee in relation to the overtures, was considered *seriatim* and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to count the votes on the overtures would report as follows.

VOTE OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERIES.	FORM OF GOV'T AND DISCIPLINE.			APPELLATE POWER OF GEN. ASSEMB.			CASES TRANS. TO SUPERIOR COURTS.			ADMISSION OF MINISTERS.			THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.		
	Aye.	Nay.	Silent.	Aye.	Nay.	Silent.	Aye.	Nay.	Silent	Aye.	Nay.	Silent.	Aye.	Nay.	Silent.
Cleveland,	12	2		9	3		2	10		12	0		12	0	
Butler,	11	0		18	0		12	0		18	0		0	14	
Monmouth,	28	0		9	13		3	15		20	0		0	20	
Steubenville,	17	0		13	2		3	11		14	1		2	12	
Caledonia,	2	11		2	13		12	1		13	0		2	12	
Conemaugh,	Aye	0		0	Nay		Aye	0		Aye.	0		4	0	
Indiana,	14	0		13	1		13	0		14	0		14	0	
Muskingum,	17	2		18	1		11	5		18	1		15	4	
Kansas,	8	0		1	7		5	3		8	0		5	3	
Stamford,	Aye.	0		Aye.	0		Aye.	0		Aye.	0		Maj.		
Chicago,	Aye.	0		Aye.	0		Aye.	0		Aye.	0		10	1	
1st New York,	11	0		4	7		9	2		11	0		3	8	
St. Louis,	8	0		1	8		7	2		10	0		0	10	
Boston,	Aye.	0		0	Nay		0	Nay		Aye.	0		1	Bal.	
Allegheny,	25	0		19	5		22	1		6	16		13	9	
Detroit,	5	0	3	8	0		8	0		8	0		8	0	
Mansfield,	10	0		9	0		10	1		11	0		11	0	
Keokuk,	13	0		13	0		8	6		7	5		12	0	
Delaware,	9	0		5	3		0	7		9	0		7	1	
Michigan,	4	1	5	5	2	2	4	4	2	8	0	1	0	8	1
Frankfort,	17	0		14	3		7	10		16	0		16	0	
Big Spring,	8	0		7	2		3	5		8	0		7	0	
2d New York,	12	2		12	2		11		3	11	3		4	10	
Lakes,	2	9		3	10		0	11		10	1		2	8	1
Bloomington,				8	4		5	7		1	5	4	2	10	
Chillicothe,	0	10		10	3		11	3		3	11		11	3	
Chartiers,	13	0		12	1		10	3		12	0		4	9	
Monongahela,	12	7		13	11		5	15		6	9		4	16	
Sidney,	15	0	1	12	5		14	2	2	14	0		0	15	
Philadelphia,	14	1		14	1		10	3	2	15	0	2	16	0	2
South Indiana,	10	0	1	Aye	0		9	1	1	Aye.	0		Aye	0	
Argyle,	16	1	2	12	7		14	3	2	19	0		14	4	1
Le Claire,	8	0		0	8		0	8		8	0		0	8	
Westmoreland,	18	7	3	14	1		13	7	1	15	0		11	7	3
Albany,	1	7		6	3		2	7		9	0		7	0	
Des Moines,		13													
1st Ohio,	3	0	4	1	18	2	12	5		21	2		0	17	4
Xenia,	10	7		13	4		0	15		15	2		1	17	
St. Lawrence,	6	0		6	0		6	0		6	0		6	0	
Wheeling,				6	6		12	0		12	0		6	4	
Mercer,	20	0		17	4		2	19		23	0		23	0	
TOTAL,	379	80	19	327	158	4	275	192	13	411	56	7	243	230	12

The Presbytery of Monongahela adopted the following preamble and resolutions, to be sent to the Assembly as explanatory of its views and wishes on the Form of Government and Discipline, as amended:—

Whereas, The Form of Government and Discipline has not been fully before the church as directed by the General Assembly,—and, *Whereas*, the adoption of such a Book requires time for patient and careful consideration,—and, *Whereas*, it is of utmost importance to the peace and welfare of the church, that everything in it should be as nearly right as possible. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Presbytery *earnestly request* the General Assembly to refer the present book to a committee for revision and improvement, and that final action thereon be deferred until the Assembly of 1864.

The Presbytery of Frankfort reported the following paper. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the General Assembly should not abolish any existing Seminary, unless requested to do so by two-thirds of the Synod in whose bounds the Seminary is located.

The Presbytery of Monmouth adopted the following, as expressive of their views on the subject of Theological Seminaries and in relation to the ordination of Ruling Elders.

Resolved, 1st. That we concede to the General Assembly the general superintending power competent to make such regulations as are suggested in the report on Theological Seminaries now on the table of the Assembly. 2d. That in our judgment, it ought not to be made obligatory to ordain Elders by the laying on of the hands of the Session, at least until the question has been submitted in overture to the Presbyteries.

On the book of Government and Discipline, the Presbytery of Bloomington adopted the following:—*Resolved*, 1. That we are not *sure* that this is the book overtured. 2. That we recommend the General Assembly to send it down again in overture to the Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of Albany say in explanation of their vote on the book of Discipline, that if the article requiring the imposition of the hands of the Session in the ordination of Elders had remained as in last year's book, the vote would have been unanimous in approval. And we would respectfully request the Assembly, in case the book is adopted, to send down this article in overture to the Presbyteries.

On this whole subject your committee would report the following preamble and resolutions:—

Inasmuch as the book was not published in time to afford opportunity for a thorough consideration of it by Presbyteries and Sessions,—and as there are imperfect reports from some of the Presbyteries, and no reports from others; and as some of the Presbyteries have petitioned to have the book sent down again in overture,—and as some of the proposed amendments have prevailed by small majorities,—and as our standards cannot be published until our Directory for worship is adopted,—which cannot be at least for one year, and as it is important to have the book in as perfect a form as possible. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly refer the Book to a committee for revision and improvement, and that it be considered as authoritative until the revised book is adopted.

Resolved, 2. That this committee be instructed to receive suggestions from Presbyteries and individuals, until the 1st of November, and that then the committee meet and devote as much time to the work as may be necessary to complete it,—and that the Presbyteries be instructed to supply the pulpits of so many of them as may be pastors, while they are engaged in this work.

Resolved, 3. That when completed, the book be published immediately by the Board of Publication, and sent up to the next Assembly for consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. Forsyth, *Chairman*.
Thomas Fergus, D. S. Littell.

The Report of the Judicial Committee in the case of Rev. R. A. Hill, was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Report of the committee, to which was referred the circular and a communication from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church with a view to obtain an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, was made the order of the day for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The special committee in relation to missions among the freedmen of the South made a report which was accepted and adopted in part.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to report to this Assembly as soon as practicable, an apportionment to the Presbyteries of the amounts to be raised by them, respectively, for the several Boards of the church, and for the General Assembly's Fund.

Revs. Gordon and Moffet, and Mr. James McGay, were appointed on this committee.

Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. John Todd.

2 *o'clock, P. M.*

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by Rev. B. G. D. Hutchison. Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following persons were appointed as members of the committee, to nominate persons who shall constitute the committee to revise the Book of Government and Discipline:—Revs. Josiah Thompson, J. S. Brown, and W. C. Jackson, and Messrs. John Williamson, and Wm. M. McKnight.

Took up the order of the day; namely, the report of the Committee to which was referred a circular, and also a communication from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, proposing a convention of Christians with the view to obtain an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The report of the Committee was discussed, and then by motion laid upon the table to take up the order of the day for 3 o'clock; namely, the report of the Judicial Committee in the case of Rev. R. A. Hill. The report was considered and passed upon *seriatim*, and having been amended, the whole report was *unanimously* adopted, and is as follows:

The Judicial Committee, to which was referred the appeal of the Rev. R. A. Hill from a decision of the Presbytery of Sealkote in his case, report, that no papers have been transmitted to the Assembly by the Presbytery.* The Rev. R. A. Hill has, however, handed to the committee extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery, signed by the clerk, from which it appears that the Presbytery objected to his appeal as irregular for three reasons:—1st, It was not under protest. 2d, The declinature of the Presbytery's authority was not withdrawn. 3d, He gave no notice of appeal at the time of the proceeding appealed from. Yet the Presbytery express their willingness, notwithstanding these irregularities, that his case should go before the Assembly, and refer the appeal to the Assembly to be entertained or not as they may consider best.

It appears to your committee, so far as we can judge from the papers before us, that the Presbytery would have acted with more propriety, had they proposed the requisitions dictated by the Assembly without the introduction of the qualifying terms which they thought proper to add. And if they had doubts respecting Mr. Hill's sincerity in acquiescing in what was required by the Assembly, they might have waited till his insincerity developed itself by some overt acts. On the other hand, we can see no just reason for Mr. Hill's refusing to withdraw his declinature of the Presbytery's authority. His return to them implied this, for he could not at the same time be under a declinature and subject to their jurisdiction. In ordinary cases the proper course would be to refer back the appeal to the Presbytery with instructions as to the proper issuing of the case; but as Mr. Hill has returned to the United States without having been regularly released from the suspension imposed on him by the Presbytery, it is desirable that some method should be devised for issuing this case without the delay attending such a reference. We therefore recommend that this Assembly should issue the case according to the decision of the Assembly of 1862. We therefore propose to the Assembly the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the appeal of Mr. Hill is, in some respects, irregular; yet, considering the peculiar circumstances of his case, we think it will be expedient to give judgment respecting it; therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That the appeal of Mr. Hill be sustained, so far as relates to the form in which the questions of the Presbytery were proposed to him.

* These papers have since been received.

3. *Resolved*, That it be not sustained so far as relates to his refusal to withdraw his declinature.

4. *Resolved*, That his case be now issued.

5. *Resolved*, That on Mr. Hill's declaring his acquiescence in the directions of the Assembly of 1862, and also his withdrawal of his declinature of the authority of the Presbytery of Sealkote, he be restored to good standing in the United Presbyterian Church. T. BEVERIDGE.

The moderator then read to Mr. Hill the resolution of the Assembly requiring him to withdraw his declinature, to which he responded in the affirmative. He also read to him the act of the last Assembly, to which he expressed his agreement. The following resolution was then adopted.

Resolved, That the answer of Mr. Hill be considered satisfactory, and that he be declared in good standing in the United Presbyterian Church.

The following was adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to furnish Mr. Hill with a certified extract of the minute in his case, and that any Presbytery under the care of this Assembly to which he may apply, is authorized to receive him as in regular standing.

The committee appointed to nominate the committee to revise the Book of Discipline, presented as their report the following names:—David R. Kerr, D. D., Donald McLaren, D. D., Thomas Beveridge, D. D., James Brown, D. D., Robert Gracey, D. D., William M. M'Elwee, D. D., and Rev. J. B. Scouller.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That when we adjourn at this session, it will be to meet at 7½ o'clock. P. M., and that the order will be the Report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee on the reports of the treasurers, beg leave to report,—That they have examined the reports and vouchers of the treasurers of Foreign and Home Missions and of Church Extension, and have found them correct.

We conceive it very important that the General Assembly be kept fully informed in regard to the disposition made of its funds. To this end it is necessary that vouchers or some other means should in every case accompany every report from the treasurers, specifying clearly the destination of the funds of the church. The reports of the treasurers of the Board of Education and Publication have been placed in our hands without any vouchers or any means by which your committee can ascertain with certainty how the funds have been expended. We will not say where the fault lies. But we would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That every Board be required to furnish, through its Treasurer, a distinct and clear account of the objects to which its funds are devoted.

We recommend also, in accordance with the action of the present Assembly, that we endeavour to raise the sum of $75,000 to meet the expenses of the ensuing year. We believe that the different Boards must have not less than the following sums to carry on their operations successfully.

For Board of Foreign Missions,	$49,000
" " Home "	20,000
" " Publication,	2,500
" " Education,	2,000

In reference to the bequests referred to we recommend these resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That Robert Mackey, Esq., be appointed the agent of this Assembly to receive and forward to the Treasurer of Foreign Missions one hundred dollars, being the bequest of Mr. Thomas Dinwiddie, late of Lake Co., Ohio.

2. *Resolved*, That I. N. Laughead be appointed agent to receive and receipt for four hundred dollars, being a bequest of Mrs. Martha Nelson, late of Union Co., Ohio, and that said agent be directed to divide this bequest equally between the treasuries of Foreign Missions, of Home Missions and of Education, as directed by the will of the testatrix.

3. *Resolved*, That the bequest of Mr. John Leiper of $360 with interest, making in all $372,72, be appropriated to Foreign Missions.

4. *Resolved*, That the $207,96 in the Southern Mission Fund be placed in the Treasury of the Mission to Freedmen.

5. *Resolved*, That the ten dollars in the Jewish Mission Fund be appropriated to the Jewish Mission in Syria.

6. *Resolved*, That our Treasurers be recommended to keep their accounts of moneys received, except in special cases, with Presbyteries, through the Financial Agents returning their receipts to the Financial Agents from the bounds of whose Presbyteries the funds are contributed.

7. *Resolved*, That Financial Agents be directed to cease, except in special cases, asking the Treasurers to credit particular churches and individuals, and to ask only that funds be accredited to their several Presbyteries.

We think if these instructions were heeded, much time and labour would be saved.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. Van Eaton, John G. Brown, S. C. Huey, W. M. McKnight, James Findley.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report, which was adopted.

Resolved, That Dr. John T. Pressly and S. C. Huey be appointed to attend as delegates the General Assembly to meet in the city of Newark, and that Joseph T. Cooper, D. D., and Mr. Wm. Getty be appointed to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and that Prof. Geo. C. Vincent and Mr. A. J. Burgess be appointed to attend the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church

The following paper was handed in and read, and the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions was authorized to discharge the debt.

Xenia, June 4th, 1863.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Associate Synod to-day answered your question in regard to the salary of Rev. James Engles, as follows.

Resolved, That Mr. Engles' statement of the amount due him, is in accordance with the arrangement made with him by this Synod at the time of his settlement in his present pastoral relation. R. H. Pollock, *Synod's Clerk.*

Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. Wm. Wright.

Thursday, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Assembly met. Opened with prayer by the moderator. The roll was called, and the absentees marked. Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the reception by him of a paper from Prof. Abner Jones, the author of a new version of the Psalms. The Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Jones that it was received at too late a period to be acted upon by the Assembly.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to give an order for $65.00 in favour of the Clerk of the Assembly, and for $60 in favour of the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and for $25 in favour of the Assistant Clerk, and $20 in favour of the Sexton.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be, and hereby are tendered to the citizens of Xenia and vicinity, for their kind hospitality to us during our sessions in this place.

A petition from the congregation of Johnstown, N. Y., was read and referred to the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions.

The second resolution in the report of the committee appointed in relation to the organization of a Board for the purpose of establishing missions to the freedmen of the South, was laid upon the table.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be returned to the railroad companies that have favoured the members of the Assembly with half fare.

The Committee on a new version of the Psalms made a report, which was

accepted, and the Committee was requested to publish in the newspapers of the church specimens of the versions prepared by them.

The following is the report:

It was ordered by the last General Assembly that the Committee on a New Version of the Psalms appointed the preceding year, should report progress to the present Assembly. As one of the members of this Committee had connected himself with another branch of the Presbyterian Church, and no one was appointed in his place: and as another lived at so great a distance as to render his attendance very inconvenient, it was found impracticable for any but a small portion of the Committee to meet and consult together respecting the business assigned to them. Some attempts have been made to versify a portion of the Psalms with a view, should any of them meet the approbation of the Assembly and of the Church, that they might be introduced as an addition to the small number of various metres now contained in our version. Of these versions the committee have agreed to present fifteen for the consideration of the Assembly. In some instances very little alteration has been made upon our present version except slightly shortening a few of the lines to adapt them to a different measure. It has been our aim to keep as near the original as the laws of versification would admit, and for this reason less attention has been paid to the multiplication of rhymes than is agreeable to the taste of some. We cannot, however, regard a great amount of jingling words as desirable, especially when it leads away from the mind of the Spirit, and requires employment of words in an unusual and often ambiguous sense. The Committee have done what they could, and present the results of their labours to the Assembly with no sanguine anticipations of its meeting the approbation of the church, yet gratified if what they have done may even be the means of helping others to do something better. T. Beveridge, *Chairman.*

Dr. Harper was appointed on the committee in the place of Rev. G. D. Archibald. The Rev. Mr. Jeffers was added to the committee.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Revs. J. T. Cooper, D. D., W. W. Barr, and Thos. H. Hanna, be, and hereby are appointed a committee to revise and publish the minutes of this Assembly.

The order of the day was taken up: namely, the report of the committee on the Board of Foreign Missions. This report was discussed at length and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully report as follows:

Your Committee having carefully examined the Report of the Board, would recommend the adoption of the following:

1st. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Assembly are due to the American Bible and Tract Societies, for their generous donation of New Testaments and Gospel tracts for distribution by our missionaries in China and Egypt.

In reference to re-enforcing our mission in China by the appointment of an additional missionary,—while your committee are fully aware of the importance of increasing the number of our labourers in that vast field as soon as it is possible for us to do so,—yet we do not feel that the present state of the funds at the control of the Board, or the prospects for the coming year, would justify the Assembly in selecting or directing the Board to select and send out an additional missionary to that field. We therefore ask that the matter be left at the disposal of the Board, with the same instructions as were given by the last Assembly.

Sealkote Mission.—The Board ask the direction of the Assembly in reference to the refusal of the Sealkote Mission to accede to the re-call of Rev. E. H. Stevenson from that Mission. Since the matter of re-calling one or more of the labourers of that mission was left by the last Assembly at the disposal of the Board, and since the Board made the re-call *subject* to the *consent* of the Mission, and since the Mission has *consented* to the recall of Rev. R. A. Hill, but refused to accede to the re-call of Rev. E. H. Stevenson,—your committee, after carefully considering the present situation of the case,—Mr. Hill being now in this country and Mr. Stevenson still in India and desired to remain by the other members of the mission—the mission being now in a condition to work together harmoniously—the expense of re-calling and the time necessary for a new missionary to acquire the language so as to enter upon his labours,—would therefore recommend the adoption of the following:—

Resolved, That the decision of the Sealkote Mission retaining Rev. E. H. Stevenson be acquiesced in.

The Presbytery of Sealkote ask the following special grants of money, viz., $1000 for the Mission Compound School and $3000 for a new mission station at Gujranwalla, already partially established. The Board refer these cases to the Assembly for instruction. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Assembly instruct the Board to grant $1000; the amount asked for the Mission Compound School.

Resolved, That the Assembly instruct the Board to grant $3000 for the establishment of a new mission at Gujranwalla.

Cairo.—The last Assembly having granted $1000 for repairing the mission premises in Cairo, and that amount being still unpaid,—Therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of $1000 be paid by the Board for repairs on mission building in Cairo, out of the first funds available for that purpose.

The Return of Dr. Barnett.—The speedy return of Dr. Barnett to his field of missionary labour is earnestly desired by the mission. Your Committee feel the importance of such an earnest and efficient missionary being soon again in the field; but as it is his desire for important reasons to remain another year in this land, if in the view of the Board it be consistent with the interests of the mission,—Therefore,

Resolved, That the time of Dr. Barnett's return to his field of missionary labour be left to the decision of the Board, subject to the consent of Dr. Barnett.

The Board ask an appropriation of $600 for the education as teachers and preachers of such young men as the Presbytery of Egypt may judge worthy after due examination. That such young men are available, and some of them ex-priests, is one of the bright features of our mission in Egypt. But as the education of some has already been provided for by individual congregations, and other congregations are moving in the cause, and the prospect is that soon the education of all who may be judged worthy will be provided for,—your committee do not deem it necessary for the Assembly to do more than to recommend this good work to our congregations. Therefore,

Resolved, That the education of these young men as teachers and preachers be commended to the attention of our congregations as worthy of their prompt and liberal contributions.

The desire of the missionaries in Egypt and of the native Christians is so earnest and urgent for the re-appointment and return of Rev. Thomas McCague as missionary, that the Board ask that the matter be left to their decision, subject to certain conditions. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to re-appoint Rev. Thomas McCague, as a missionary to Egypt, and send him to said mission, provided the health of his family and the state of the treasury may warrant their so doing.

Resolved, That the Assembly approve the action of our missionaries in Egypt in borrowing money, to meet their expenses during the present high rates of exchange, and recommend the same course to be continued as far as practicable, until rates of exchange become lower.

Resolved, That the Board be directed to invest safely the amount of funds which should have gone to mission stations which have borrowed money, that the same may be available at the proper time to pay the amounts borrowed.

In view of the liberal donations made by the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland in aid of the Egyptian Mission—your committee would recommend the following.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be cordially tendered to the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, for the interest they have manifested in our Egyptian Mission, and their free and liberal contributions to its support, and that the Clerk of this Assembly be directed to prepare and transmit through the Board a letter expressive of the gratitude of this Assembly for their generous aid.

Resolved, That the vacancies in the Board occasioned by the expiration of the terms of office of Revs. J. B. Dales, D. D, and W. W. Barr, and Mr. S. C. Huey, be filled by the re-election of Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., and S. C. Huey, and the election of Mr. J. M. Wallace in place of Rev. W. W. Barr, who declines a re-election.

Resolved, That Mr. T. B. Rich be re-elected for four years as treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Committee.—Joseph Clokey, James Brown, J. P. Scott, Samuel George, W. M. Scouller.

Resolved, That Mr. James McCandless be re-elected Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension, of the Board of Publication, and of the Assembly's Fund.

Mr. Thomas Johnston was re-elected Treasurer of the Board of Education.

The Committee on Apportionment made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Apportionments report the following amount of money to be raised by the Presbyteries for the several Boards of the Assembly and for the Assembly's Fund.

Presbytery of	Albany,	$1200	Presbytery of	Le Claire,	1000
do.	Allegheny,	4200	do.	Mansfield,	1900
do.	Argyle,	3000	do.	Mercer,	3200
do.	Big Spring,	1200	do.	Michigan	1700
do.	Bloomington,	900	do.	Monmouth	3600
do.	Boston,	800	do.	Monongahela,	4000
do.	Butler,	3900	do.	Muskingum,	3100
do.	Caledonia,	1500	do.	1st New York,	1300
do.	Chartiers,	3000	do.	2d New York,	2100
do.	Chicago,	1200	do.	1st Ohio,	2000
do.	Chillicothe,	1550	do.	Philadelphia,	2500
do.	Cleveland,	800	do.	Sidney,	1500
do.	Conemaugh,	4400	do.	Southern Indiana,	1100
do.	Delaware,	1900	do.	Stamford,	750
do.	Des Moines,	800	do.	Steubenville,	2600
do.	Detroit,	600	do.	St. Lawrence,	400
do.	Frankfort,	2600	do.	St. Louis,	1300
do.	Indiana,	1400	do.	Vermont,	300
do.	Kansas,	500	do.	Westmoreland,	2900
do.	Keokuk,	2000	do.	Wheeling,	1300
do.	Lakes,	3100	do.	Xenia,	1400

To raise this amount, the following sums are apportioned, as the average per member:

For Foreign Missions,	93 cts.	For Publication Fund,	05 cts.
do. Home Missions,	40 "	do. Church Extension Fund,	05 "
do. Education Fund,	05 "	do. General Assembly Fund,	02 "

The Freedmen's Fund is not provided for in the report.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That this report be adopted.

J. M. Gordon, W. T. Moffet, Jas. M'Gay, *Committee.*

The Report of the Committee on an amended version of the Psalms, and also on a new metrical version of the Psalms by Rev. J. G. Wilson, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on a new, and also on an amended version of the Psalms in metre, report as follows:—

I. On the amendments proposed by the Committee appointed by the last General Assembly.

Whilst the Committee deserve the thanks of the Assembly for the attention they have given to the work assigned to them, and are to be commended for the fidelity with which they have adhered to the original text, we cannot think their work entitled to unqualified approbation. A large portion of the amendments proposed are evident improvements, and such as could hardly fail to be acceptable to all reasonable persons. Still there are others which are faulty. If it were practicable during the sessions of the Assembly to review the whole work, and make some needful corrections, this is the course which would appear desirable. But it is evident that our time would not allow of this, and we fear that handing down a work of this kind in overture with even a few obvious faults would militate against its adoption, and against an end so desirable as the securing of an amended version of the Psalms in metre. We would respectfully suggest that the instructions given to the Committee as understood by them have affected injuriously their work. It seems to us impossible to make any material improvement upon our version without a greater degree of liberty than they have felt authorized to employ. We think the attempt to amend should not be abandoned, and therefore recommend for adoption the following resolutions.

1. That the Assembly express their thanks to the Committee for their services, and the progress made by them in improving our version of the Psalms.

2. That the proposed amendments be re-committed to the same Committee with instructions to report to the next Assembly.

3. That the Presbyteries be directed to forward to the Committee such suggestions as may aid them in their work.

II. In regard to a new metrical version of the Psalms, the committee report as follows:—

We cannot but notice as one of the favourable signs of the times, the efforts recently made, not only in churches using the Psalms in the praise of God, but by others among whom this use of them had been generally abandoned, to prepare versions of them adapted for this purpose. Among these the work of the Rev. John G. Wilson, of the Independent Church, deserves special notice. His work in manuscript has been handed to the Committee, but it would be impossible during the sessions of the Assembly, to do so much as read it throughout, and much less to examine it with such care as would be requisite to an intelligent judgment of its merits. It is said to contain three or more versions of each psalm, amounting in all to about four hundred. We feel disposed, therefore, for the present to acquiesce in the judgment which the Committee formerly appointed have given respecting it, which is in substance that though having many excellencies, it would not answer our purpose without some changes.

As another Committee, appointed by the General Assembly of 1861, has reported versions of a few of the Psalms for the consideration of the Assembly, the Committee recommend that no further action be taken on Mr. W's. version for the present. Respectfully submitted. T. BEVERIDGE, Chairman.

Took up the Report of the Special Committee to which was referred certain papers, relative to the calling of a convention of Christians, with the view to obtain an amendment to the preamble to the Constitution of the United States.

Rev. Dr. Kerr offered the following, which was adopted as a substitute for the Report of the Special Committee.

Resolved, That we lament that there is not a more distinct and full recognition of the existence of God, and supremacy of his law, as revealed in the Scriptures, in our National Constitution, than it contains; that an amendment introducing a becoming recognition of God into, at least, the preamble or adopting act of the Constitution is much to be desired; and that we instruct our people that it is their duty, as Christian citizens, to favour and cooperate with every legitimate effort that may be made for this end.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That Revs. W. W. Barr, Thomas H. Hanna and James Crowe be appointed a Committee on Credentials for the next Assembly to meet in the city of Philadelphia.

Rev. James Harper, of New York, was appointed the Moderator's Alternate, to preach the opening sermon at the next meeting of the Assembly.

The Report of the Committee in relation to Missions among the freedmen of the South was again taken up and amended, and the whole report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to report on a plan of operation for diffusing the gospel among the freedmen of the Southern States, report:—

That in the interests of the United Presbyterian Church a Board be created for this special purpose, and that the following Constitution be adopted with a view to secure the objects contemplated:—

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE FREEDMEN OF THE SOUTH.

I. There shall be a Board of Missions for the Freedmen, to be appointed by and amenable to the Assembly.

II. It shall consist of nine members, who shall hold their office three years, and five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Of those first chosen three shall go out of office annually in the order of their names; and thereafter, three shall annually be elected by the Assembly.

III. The Board shall be located in the City of Allegheny.

IV. The Board shall meet quarterly, and as much oftener as necessary; and shall hold its first meeting on the 4th of July, 1863, at ten o'clock, A. M., in the Second Church.

V. The Board shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring therein during the year, and shall be styled, "The Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, for the Freedmen of our Southern States."

VI. To this Board shall be intrusted, with such directions and instructions as may from time to time be given by the Assembly, the superintendence of the Freedmen Missionary operations of the Church.

VII. The Board shall make to the Assembly an annual report of its proceedings, its condition, and its needs, and shall submit for approval such plans and measures as may be deemed necessary or useful.

VIII. To the Board shall belong the duty, though not the exclusive right, of nominating and appointing Missionaries and Agents, and of designating fields of labour: to them shall belong the duty of receiving the reports of the Corresponding Secretary; of giving him needful directions in reference to all matters of business and correspondence intrusted to him; of preparing for the Assembly estimates of all appropriations and expenditures of money; and of taking the particular direction and oversight of the Freedmen's missionary work, subject to the revision and control of the Assembly.

IX. All property, houses, lands, tenements, and permanent funds, belonging to the Board, shall be taken in the name of the Trustees of the Assembly, and held in trust by them for the use and benefit of "The Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America for the Freedmen of the South.'

X. The Board shall have power to enact its own By-Laws.

XI. This Constitution shall not be changed, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the General Assembly present at any of its sessions, of which notice shall be given at least one day previously.

XII. The Board shall submit an abstract of its condition, proceedings, wants, and plans, to the several Synods of the Church at their annual meetings.

As some Presbyteries have already taken action upon this subject, and have agencies on the field, your committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the doings of the Presbyteries of Wheeling, Muskingum, Chartiers, and 1st Presbytery of Ohio, be recognised and approved, and after the organization of this Board it shall be the duty of these agencies to report their doings and resources to said Board:

Resolved, 2. That such Presbyteries as may prefer it are hereby authorized to select their own mission field, procure their own labourers, and conduct their missions in their own way, provided that they report to the Board the location of their respective fields, the labourers employed and the amount of funds collected and disbursed.

Your committee would recommend the following persons as members of the Board of Missions to the Freedmen of the South.

Revs. J. B. Clark, Charles A. Dickey, J. W. Baine, J. G. Barnes, W. J. Reid, G. C. Vincent, and Messrs. John Dean, James Robb and James Mitchell, with power to fill vacancies.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the minutes of this Assembly be printed in the Evangelical Repository—that five hundred extra copies be issued and disposed of at 25 cents per copy.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the aggregates of the reports of the various treasurers be printed, omitting the items.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Directory of worship be directed to report to the next meeting of the Assembly.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, 1st. That a Committee be appointed to secure reduced fares for the delegates to the next General Assembly, said committee to consist of one person for each of the following places, namely: Xenia, Cincinnati, Chicago, Monmouth, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, Albany, Buffalo, Indianapolis, and Cleveland, with the view of arriving at uniformity in this matter, especially in obtaining excursion or return tickets on presentation of the credentials given by Presbyteries.

2d. That John Fleming, R. H. Pollock, W. C. Jackson, Thomas Johnston, James McCandless, William M. M'Knight, R. Harper, S. F. Morrow, C. P. Lytle, G. Small, and R. S. Murray, shall constitute the committee contemplated in the preceding resolution, and said committee is hereby directed to publish the result of its labours in the Presbyterian Witness, United Presbyterian, and Christian Instructor, at least two weeks previously to the meeting of the Board of Home Missions.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk of each Presbytery be directed to state on the face of credentials to the Assembly, the number of ministers in his Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That this Assembly be now dissolved, and that another Assembly similarly constituted, be called to meet in the 2d U. P. Church, Philadelphia, on the 4th Wednesday of May, 1864, at 7½ P. M.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

The moderator made some appropriate remarks.

The Assembly dissolved. Closed with prayer by Thomas Beveridge, D. D. The 133d Psalm was sung, and the Apostolic benediction pronounced.

ALEXANDER YOUNG, *Moderator.*
JOSEPH T. COOPER, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of Home Missions convened in accordance with the provisions of its constitution in the 2d United Presbyterian Church of Xenia, on Wednesday, the 20th of May, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Representatives were present during its sessions from all the Presbyteries of the Church in the States and Canada, except Albany, St. Lawrence, and Vermont. The Presbyteries of Argyle, Philadelphia, Allegheny, Chartiers, Frankfort, Lakes, Mercer, Bloomington and Keokuk, we are sorry to report, failed to furnish the information required to be transmitted to the Secretary three weeks previous to the meeting of the Board, although blanks had been sent to them for this purpose. The synopsis of the means and demands of the church, presented by the Secretary, was therefore incomplete, and the Board delayed and embarrassed in its proceedings. We hope that such failures will not occur in the future.

From the report of the Executive Committee we were gratified to learn that during the past year all the regulations of the Board have been strictly complied with, except in the case of the Presbytery of Argyle, whose Treasurer received and disbursed the Home Mission Funds intrusted to his care without orders from the Executive Committee. The fault in this case, we have reason to believe, was with the Presbytery, which failed to give proper instruction to its Treasurer. The regulations of the Board, we are happy to say, are generally understood and faithfully executed.

It affords us pleasure also to report that during the past year, our missionaries, with the exception of Mr. G. M. Wylie, T. P. Dysart, J. R. Boyd, James McRea, W. McC. Gibson, who neither fulfilled their appointments, nor presented reasons for not so doing, have been labouring with fidelity and acceptance in the various fields to which they were assigned by the last Assembly. The Home Mission field, so extensive and promising, has been cultivated with diligence, and the results are greatly encouraging. The great King and Head of the Church has blessed the work of our hands. Feeble congregations have, in many cases, been enabled to secure pastors and the stated ordinances of the church. Applications from new and promising places for the word of life, have been frequent and urgent. The demand has been more than equal to the supply. It is not true, as some would have us believe, that we have "too many ministers" in the church. There never has been a period during the past year when an efficient missionary could not readily find employment. The field spread out before us in this country is vast and needy and promising. Never indeed was there a more interesting or promising field than that committed to our care. Millions are perishing for the bread of life. What we want, therefore, with the blessing of God, is men and means for its cultivation.

The report of our Treasurer, which will be submitted to you, indicates an encouraging increase in the contributions of the church to this fund. Three years since we were in arrears with our missionaries nearly $6000. The probability now is, that when all the contributions have been brought up to the present meeting of the Assembly, there will be funds enough in the Treasury to meet all our outstanding liabilities. This increase, in these troublous times, when the nation is making such unprecedented drafts upon our resources, is to be attributed in great measure, we think, to the increased interest felt by the people in the cause of our country's evangelization and to the renewed exertions which have been made by pastors in faithfully presenting its claims. Comparing our condition financially with what it was but a short time since, we have reason to thank God and take courage.

There have been reported to us from the various Presbyteries, as in their judgment suitable and willing to be employed in the service of the Board, one hundred and twenty-four missionaries. The Board has been able to employ the service of all the missionaries thus reported except six. Some few have fractions of their time unappropriated. These fractions, we have reason to believe, will mostly be taken during the year by the increasing demand for the word of life. We regret that all are not equally acceptable to the church and actively employed in the service of Christ.

Hoping that the cause of our country's evangelization and the claims of the Home Mission will share largely in your deliberations and in your prayers, we beg leave to submit for your approval the following report, which has been prepared by the Board with singular unanimity.

PART I.

Distribution of Funds.

Chillicothe,	Scioto, &c.,	$60	Muskingum,	Mt. Perry,	25
Steubenville,	Wellsville,	50	Stamford	Morrisdale	75‰
Des Moines,	Corydon & Centreville,	150*	2d New York,	West 44th St. Church,	250
	Boonsboro,	150†		1st Brooklyn,	200
	Monroe, Vandalia and Newton,	150*		Jersey City,	400*
				Newark,	250*
	Lacona,	100*	Delaware,	East Springfield,	75
	Des Moines City,	200		Lansingville,	125†
Le Claire,	Kingston,	100†		"	75
	Fairfax,	100†	Wheeling,	Centreville, Martinville & Buck Hill,	150†
	Linn Grove,	25			
	Vinton,	50	Indiana,	Indianapolis,	200
	Tranquillity,	50		Dupont and con.,	50
	Barclay,	75‰	Cleveland,	Warren, Youngstown,	100
	West Union,	25		Niles,	50
	Cascade,	150†		Cleveland City,	500
Le Claire,	Wyoming & Clarence,	100*		Massillon & Canton,	150*
Chicago,	Chicago City,	450		Stowe & Springfield,	150†
	Neshanoc,	50		Akron,	150*
	Ross Grove,	150*	Conemaugh,	Taylorsville & con.,	75
	Shannon,	100		Mt. Carmel,	50*
	Chemung,	100		Brookville,	50
	Wyoming Valley,	150*		West Freedom,	50
	Wilton and con.,	100*		Beech Woods,	25
	Buffalo,	150*		Susquehanna,	50
	Waupacca,	150*	Detroit,	Rankin,	100
	Oshkosh,	150*		Commerce,	100
	Caledonia and Dekora,	100*		Troy and Southfield,	60
	Kingsbury,	25		Detroit,	150
	Ashupin and con.,	100*		Bruce,	60†
St. Louis,	Centralia,	100‡		Fremont & Davisville,	150†
	Xenia,	100‡		Marlatt & Con.,	100
Westmoreland,	Greensburg,	75‡	Butler,	Worthington,	50
	Saltsburgh,	50	1st Ohio,	Dayton,	250
	Apollo,	25		Mission Ch. Cin.,	100
	Connelsville,	75	Xenia,	Reynoldsburgh,	200†
1st New York,	Hoboken,	150		Bethel,	200*
Sidney,	Macedon,	25	Caledonia,	Cuylerville,	75
	Gilead,	15		Geneva,	100
	Bethel,	18	Monmouth,	Young America,	150†
	Springlake,	25		Aledo,	50

* Condition of stated supply. † Condition of settlement. ‡ ½ time.
‰ Condition of stated supply half time.

Monmouth,	Ellisville,	100†
	Rock Island and Davenport,	100
	Basco, $50 by cong.,	50
	Lebanon,	50
Boston,	Hartford,	250
	Providence,	200
	1st Church Boston,	100
	Thompsonville,	150†
	Sutton,	150
S. Indiana,	Portland Mills,	150†
	" "	75*
	Palestine,	50
	2d Ch. Bloomington,	40
	Vandalia,	40
	Elizabeth,	25
	West Union,	250†
	" " for supplies,	25
	Santa Fe,	25
	Boonville,	25
	Eden,	25
	Francisco,	25
Keokuk,	Mt. Sterling,	40
	Grand Prairie,	75*
	Brighton,	50*
	Middletown,	50
	New London,	75
	Millersburgh,	25
	New Haven,	25
	Union Station,	25
Philadelphia,	West Philadelphia,	350
	9th Ch. Philadelphia,	400
	7th Ch. Philadelphia,	100
Allegheny,	Wurtemburg,	100†
	Mission Church Allegheny,	400
Lakes,	Franklin,	50
	Freehold,	50
	Meadville,	50
Bloomington,	Bloomington City,	250
	Peoria,	100
	Spring Creek,	150†
	" "	75*
	Paxton,	175
	Granville,	100⅛
Vermont,	Greensboro,	100†
Michigan,	S. Holland,	50
	Etna Green,	24
	Madison Station,	25
	Sharon,	150
Big Spring,	Reedville,	50†
	Chambersburg,	100*
	Lower Chanceford,	100
	Milford,	25
	Huntingdon,	16
Mansfield,	Mission Stations,	50
St. Lawrence,	2d Congregation Hinchinbrook,	50
	Covey Hill,	100
	Hemmingsford,	50
Monongahela,	Lawrenceville,	300
	Hulton,	150
	Mansfield,	50
Kansas,	Leavenworth,	400
	Topeka and Bethel,	250
	Americus,	100
	Grasshopper Falls and con.,	200
	Garnet and Berea,	150
	Hibbard and con.,	200
	Leavenworth for last year,	50

PART II.

Distribution of Missionaries for Whole Year.

A. J. Allen, Le Claire,
J. A. Morrow, Chicago,
J. H. Young, Des Moines City,
J. R Boyd, Muskingum,
W. T. Rawson, Detroit,
J. C. Elliott, Chicago,
J. G. Fulton, Westmoreland,
T. P. Patterson, Big Spring,
S. F. Clark, Chicago,
Gilbert Small, Indianapolis,
Wellington Wright, Chicago,
W. C. McCune, Cincinnati Mission,
Ebenezer Currie, Dayton,
David Gordon, Newark,
J. T. Graham, Monmouth,
I. R. Harris, Monmouth,
S. McArthur, Keokuk,
R. J. Hammond, "
J. T. Tate, "
A. R. Rankin, S. Indiana,
J. S. McConnell, Cleveland City,
G. M. Wylie, Vermont,
L. J. Crawford, Xenia,
Joseph McCartney, Big Spring,
R. H. Boyd, Monongahela,
D. M. B. McLean, Allegheny,
James Sawhill, Le Claire,
William Morrow, Eden Prairie,
J. D. Beard, Hibbard and con.,
J. A. Vance, Keokuk,
J. G. Freeborn, Des Moines,
James Welch, 1st Ohio,
A. C. Tris, Des Moines,
J. H. Robinson, Jersey City,
J. M. Hutchison, Oshkosh,
A. H. Elder, St. Louis Mission,
G. P. Raitt, Le Claire.

* Condition of stated supply. † Condition of settlement. ‡ ½ time.
⅛ On condition of congregation raising $250.

NAMES.	1ST. QUART.	2D. QUART.	3D. QUART.	4TH. QUART.
A. H. Caldwell,	Steubenville,	Oct. Conemaugh,		Lakes,
J. M. Donaldson,	Chartiers,	Cleveland,	Cleveland,	Des Moines,
W. A. McKenzie,	Conemaugh,	Oct. Steubenv'le,		Butler,
E. A. Brownlee,		Chicago,	Monmouth,	
T. D. Davis,	Monmouth,			
J. R. Kerr,	1. 2. Cleveland,			Allegheny,
	2. 2. Conemaugh,			
T. S. Park,	1. 4. Chillicothe,			Conemaugh,
J. S. Woodburn,	Steubenville,	Chillicothe,	Michigan,	St. Louis,
C. T. McCaughan,		Westmoreland,		
W. A. Pollock,	Indiana,	Chicago,	Chicago,	Chicago.
Wm. Melvin,	Sidney,	Conemaugh,	Michigan,	Steubenville,
James McRea,	Muskingum,	Le Claire,	Keokuk,	
J. P. Sankey,	Le Claire,	St. Louis,	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,
Wm. Carlisle,	Des Moines,	Butler,	Chartiers,	
James Bruce,	Butler,	Bloomington,	Delaware,	Caledonia,
R. McAlister,	Lakes,	Sidney,	Chillicothe,	Stamford,
M. B. Williams,	Big Spring,	Big Spring,	Butler,	
G. M. Hall,	1. New York,	Philadelphia,	Argyle,	Delaware,
James Black,	Des Moines,	Des Moines,	Chicago,	Chicago,
J. P. Chambers,	Chicago,	Des Moines,	Lakes,	Wheeling,
Dr. Heron.	Mansfield,	Indiana,	Caledonia,	Lakes,
M. S. Telford,	1. 2. Lakes,			Chillicothe,
	2. 2. Muskingum,			
W. M. Graham,		Des Moines,	Des Moines,	
John F. Martin,	1. 4. Des Moines,			Michigan,
J. H. Adair,	Wheeling,	Argyle,	Mansfield,	Michigan,
W. C. Dunn,	1. 2. S. Indiana,			Le Claire,
Wm. Smith,	Chicago,	Stamford,	Big Spring,	Conemaugh,
Jno. Jamieson,	Boston,	Delaware,	Lakes,	Mansfield,
J. W. Buchanan,	St. Louis,	Monmouth,	Delaware,	Lakes,
Thomas Balph,	Cleveland,	Oct. Chartiers,		Big Spring,
J. B. Foster,	St. Louis,	Monmouth,	Philadelphia,	Bloomington,
J. K. Black,	Chicago,	Chicago,	St. Louis,	Muskingum,
J. A. Wilson,		Chartiers,	Des Moines,	
H. P. McAdam,	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,	Argyle,	Delaware,
George McAdam,	1. 4. Butler,			Des Moines,
Wm. Fulton,	14 Monongahela,			Allegheny,
E. B. Calderhead,	Wheeling,	Wheeling,		
Joshua Kyle,	Albany,	Delaware,	Conemaugh,	Westmoreland,
Joseph Clokey,	Caledonia,	Oct. Chartiers.		St. Louis,
J. S. Bogle,	1. 2. Michigan,			Bloomington,
J. H. Brown,	1. 2. Le Claire,			Des Moines,
J. L. Fulton,	1 2 Bloomington,			Le Claire,
James McNeal,	Delaware,	Argyle,	1. New York,	Boston,
S. M. Moore,	1. 2. Lakes,			Chartiers,
J. M. Heron,	Detroit,	Cleveland,	Sidney,	Xenia,
John Bryan,	Xenia,	Detroit,	Butler,	Chartiers,
J. T. Torrence,	Conemaugh,	Lakes,	Le Claire,	Keokuk,
P. C. Smeallie,	Delaware,	Albany.	Delaware,	Delaware,
W. H. McMillen,	1. 2. Le Claire,			S. Indiana,
G. G. Mitchell,	Michigan,	Oct. Xenia,		Sidney,
J. W. Pinkerton,	Delaware,	Michigan,	Lakes,	Argyle,
T. F. Boyd,	Monmouth,	St. Louis,	Cleveland,	
M. M. Gibson,	1. 4. Mansfield,			Cleveland,
David Donnan,	Philadelphia,	Allegheny,	Chartiers,	Wheeling,
S. C. Marshall,	Chartiers,	Lakes,	Xenia,	Butler,
T. J. Wilson,	Michigan,	S. Indiana,	St. Louis,	Monmouth,
J. C. Meloy,	Bloomington,	Boston,	Philadelphia,	Big Spring,
J. H. Reed,	1. 2. S. Indiana,			Michigan,
	2. 2. Michigan,			
J. V. Pringle,	1. 2. Allegheny,			Philadelphia,
	2. 2. Lakes,			
J. L. Ross,	1. 4. Keokuk,			Chicago,
W. N. Randle,	Argyle,	Delaware,	Boston,	1. New York,
B. L. Baldridge,	Lakes,	Mansfield,	Michigan.	Indiana,
David Gordon,	Mercer,	1. New York,	Conemaugh,	Monongahela,
J. M. Orr,	Argyle,	Chartiers,	Bloomington,	Chicago,
J. W. Taylor,	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,	Indiana,	Monmouth.

PART III.

Special Appointments and Appropriations.

1. MINNESOTA.

North Pepin, $250.	A. B. Coleman, North Pepin and con.
Caledonia and con., 250.	H. McHatton, Caledonia, 10 months.
Owatonna Wilton and Freeborn, 250.	W. J. Cleland, Owatonna and con.
Eden Prairie, 250.	Wm. Morrow, Eden Prairie.

2. NEBRASKA.

Nebraska City, $250.	——— Nebraska City.
Rock Bluffs and con., 250.	James McNary, Rock Bluffs and con.
Amity and con., 30.	D. C. Wilson, Amity and con.
North Bend, Fremont and con., 300.	T. P. Proudfit, N. Bend, Fremont and con.

3. KANSAS.

A. G. Wallace, Leavenworth City.	J. N. Smith, Garnet and Berea.
J. B. Waddle, Topeka and Bethel.	J. D. Beard, Hibbard and con.
Americus and con.	M. M. Marling, Cedar and Nottingham.
Benj. Atkins, Grasshopper Falls, and con.	

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS.

Regarding the cities of St. Louis and Chicago as promising missionary fields, the Board would urge upon the Assembly the importance of establishing new missions in each of these places and therefore recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the sum of $500 be appropriated for the establishment of a new mission in the city of St. Louis, and the same sum for the establishment of a new mission in the city of Chicago.

2. *Resolved*, That A. H. Elder be appointed to St. Louis, and J. H. Walker to Chicago, to labour as missionaries for the ensuing year.

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be left at the disposal of the Executive Committee to be expended (if necessary,) in securing a place of public worship and a Sabbath School apparatus for the proposed new mission in Chicago.

4. *Resolved*, That the congregation of Iowa City be placed under the care of the Executive Committee for the coming year, with instruction to appropriate such an amount of money as in their judgment the prospects of the place may require, not exceeding $200, and that Rev. W. D. Ralston be appointed a missionary in Iowa City for the coming year.

5. *Resolevd*, That S. S. Ralston, of the Presbytery of Le Claire, be appointed to labour at Eden Prairie two Sabbaths, in June next, and that he be allowed the usual compensation from the Home Mission Fund.

6. *Resolved*, That as there are other mission stations in Kansas beside those named in this report, it be directed that the Presbytery of Kansas shall distribute the labours of her missionaries or members of Presbytery, as in their judgment will best promote the interests of the cause.

7. *Resolved*, That the request of Rev. J. G. McKee, at present missionary in Nebraska, to be released from the service of the Board until he has finished his studies in the Theological Seminary, be granted.

8. *Resolved*, That as it is important to their efficiency, that missionaries should be fully invested with the sacred office, it be recommended to the Presbyteries to which James McNary, W. D. Ralston, D. C. Wilson, T. P. Proudfit, D. H. Elder, J. H. Walker, J. M. Hutchison, and James Black, respectively belong, to proceed as speedily as possible with their ordination, that they may enter forthwith upon their labours.

9. *Resolved*, That as it is evident from the report of the Nebraska missionaries that the self-imposed labours of Rev. W. Douthet, in our missionary stations, are injurious to their interests, it be recommended to the Presbytery of Des Moines, to take measures to prevent his intrusion upon the fields of our regularly appointed missionaries.

10. *Resolved*, That Rev. J. M. Jamieson, of the Presbytery of Steubenville be appointed to labour in the 1st United Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, the month of October; his pulpit to be supplied during his absence by his own Presbytery.

11. *Resolved*, That this Board recommend to the Assembly to amend Art. IV. of the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions by adding, "and corresponding member of the Board."

12. *Resolved*, That in case of the failure of any of the missionaries assigned to Kansas or Nebraska to fill their appointments, the Executive Committee shall supply their place.

13. With reference to the failure of missionaries to fill their appointments,

Resolved, That the attention of Presbyteries and missionaries be called to the action of the Assembly of 1861 on this subject with the distinct understanding that such de-

linquent missionaries or Presbyteries shielding such, may expect to be reported to the Assembly.

14. *Resolved*, That if the services of Rev. Joseph T. Cooper, D. D., can be secured, he be appointed to visit the city of San Francisco, with a view of beginning a missionary station in that place—that Rev. S. G. Irvine be his alternate, and if the prospect be favourable and the state of the funds will warrant, the Executive Committee be directed to obtain a suitable missionary and send him to that field, the amount to be appropriated to carry out the intention of this resolution to be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

15. *Resolved*, That an appropriation of $70 be made out of the Home Mission Fund to meet the expenses of Rev. Dr. Heron in going to and returning from the Presbytery of Vermont by appointment of the last Assembly; also an appropriation of $75 on behalf of Rev. J. D. Steele for labour performed during the past year at Xenia, Illinois, under the supervision of the Board, also that the claim of Rev. James Ingles be referred to the Associate Synod for adjudication.

16. *Resolved*, That the Board do earnestly urge upon the attention of the Assembly the importance of the Home Mission work, and we ask the Assembly to set apart a portion of its time for the consideration of this subject.

17. *Resolved*, That the Assembly be recommended to spend some time in the consideration of the subject of missions to the Freedmen of the South.

18. With reference to the propriety of establishing a mission among the aborigines of this country, we offer the following:

Resolved, That Rev. Alexander Young, D. D., Rev. J. H. Nash and Mr. James Findley be appointed a committee to report on this subject to the next Assembly.

19. *Resolved*, That the appointment to Nebraska City be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

John Van Eaton, *Chairman.*

R. D. Harper, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Fifth General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Xenia, Ohio, May 27th, 1863, the Board of Foreign Missions respectfully submit the following as their Fourth Annual Report:

In the history of the Board, the past year has been memorable for the amount of its labours, and for unusual anxiety and suspense. This was chiefly due to the peculiar condition of one of our missions, and also to the sad state of our country. The Assembly need not be informed, that our civil war most seriously affects the cause of all our missions, sometimes indeed threatening their very existence. We therefore invite close attention to the following account of the year's operations, and our present and prospective wants.

I. THE MISSIONS.

1. *China.*—The Rev. J. C. Nevin, who, with his family, has been preserved amid many perils, was, when last heard from, actively employed in his work. He had so far acquired a knowledge of the language, as to begin to address the people, in some of his tours into the interior. In his explorations, he has been suitably employed in the distribution of New Testaments and Gospel tracts. Having only a limited supply of these, he has made application to the Board for an appropriation to supply the necessity; but the Board not being able to give any funds for this purpose, made application to the American Bible Society, and the American Tract Society, for grants to meet his demand. In both instances, favourable responses have been received. Our missionary has not yet chosen a field for permanent operations. It was expected, some months since, that he would have located the mission in Ch'an Ts'un, a populous city not far from Canton; but owing to the scarcity of funds, the unsettled state of the country, and the difficulty experienced in obtaining a suitable dwelling, the location has not yet been chosen. The selection of a new field in such a country as China, is as difficult as it is important; and the Board do not regret the caution and delay of Mr. Nevin in this matter.

Mr. Nevin has felt deeply the failure of the church to send out a fellow-labourer, according to the general understanding at the time the mission was undertaken. He has repeatedly, in the most earnest manner, urged an immediate reinforcement. In a late letter, he says:—"To leave the mission unsupported so long, is suicidal, or next thing to it. Were we called away, where would it be? If you wait three years longer, and then send out help, and I be removed before they acquire the language, what is to become of the whole work commenced? This, of course, is a human view of the case, but certainly it is the only rational view we can take, in view of the possibilities, or probabilities, in so far as we can judge of them. And do we not, and must we not, at all times, take these things into consideration? We do not feel dis-

couraged for ourselves, but it is for the mission—the cause of God in the hands of the church—that we tremble." These are solemn and important words, and deserve the attention of all. The last Assembly authorized and directed the Board "to select and send out a suitable person to reinforce our mission in China, as soon as practicable," but the state of the funds rendered it plainly impossible to go forward, though some young men offered themselves. Most gladly will the Board, at the earliest practicable moment, obey the instruction of the Assembly, and comply with the request of our missionary, and the prevalent desire of the church.

2. *India.*—Most of the year's correspondence with the mission, has been taken up with the case of Mr. Hill, and matters arising therefrom. The Presbytery of Sealkote, having received a copy of the action of the last Assembly in the case, took action thereon, the 12th and 13th of September last. Unfortunately, the difficulty was not settled. Although Mr. Hill avowed his hearty assent to the terms of settlement proposed by the Assembly, declaring in writing his willingness to submit to the Presbytery, his resolution to abide by our principles, and to pursue the things that make for peace; and farther, that he did so, "advisedly, prayerfully, and with a good conscience, and in the fear of God;" yet the Presbytery, having farther interrogated him, resolved that, in their judgment, Mr. Hill had not acceded to the action of the Assembly. Both parties having thus claimed to have complied with the Assembly's terms, the Board, having no power to interfere with a Presbyterial act, felt that they were left without instructions in the premises. It will be for the Assembly to decide the question here at issue between the Presbytery and Mr. Hill.

But aware of the unhappy condition of the mission, in consequence of this long existing difficulty, and persuaded that something should be done quickly, the Board determined, as the wisest and best step that could be taken, to order the recall of both Rev. E. H. Stevenson and Rev. R. A. Hill. This recall, according to the action of the last Assembly, in giving power to recall missionaries in certain cases, was subject to the consent of the mission. On the 22d of January last, the mission gave its consent to the return of Mr. Hill, but refused it in the case of Mr. Stevenson. Mr. Hill has accordingly left Sealkote for this country, and will probably be present at the Assembly.

The decision of the Board in regard to the recall of these brethren, was the result of much patient and prayerful deliberation. It was not based upon the Presbyterial relations of either missionary, and was wholly independent of the particular questions in dispute between one of them and the Presbytery. Nor was it founded upon the position of either in regard to the terms proposed for final settlement; because, as above stated, the Board believed that the action of Mr. Hill and the Presbytery had placed the matter in an aspect not contemplated, and that thus we were left without instructions. The general reasons for our decision, were, the condition of the mission, and the state of feeling in the church at home. The special reasons which the Board had, and still have, for the recall of these brethren, it was thought neither necessary nor expedient to spread before the public. Nor do we deem it proper to specify these reasons in this report. It was with regret that the Board received the intelligence, that the mission had refused its consent to the recall of one of the persons named. It will, however, be for the Assembly to consider whether any farther action be necessary in regard to this decision of the mission in the case of Mr. Stevenson, in order to accomplish the desire of the last Assembly, viz.: "that this once prosperous mission may be restored to the confidence and support of the church." We submit herewith the minutes of the Presbytery of September 12th and 13th, 1862; the action of the Board recalling Messrs. Hill and Stevenson, and the answer of the mission, together with all other papers in our possession, relative to the matter.

In the prosecution of the work in this mission, the gospel has been preached, and the Scriptures distributed among the perishing heathen. The little flock has been instructed and edified by the regular dispensation of gospel ordinances. The youth and children of the station have been taught and trained under Christian influence. Some progress has been made towards solving the difficult problem of a self-supporting native church; and renewed efforts have been made to extend the work to another station. About five months have been spent in itinerating by one of the missionaries, and much time by two others. The gospel has been preached regularly in the city; and by two of the missionaries, among the "hill tribes," near Dharmsalla, when they were not itinerating. Those engaged in this work, report, that while they cannot point to any specific results in the way of serious turning to God, yet they have met with many encouraging cases. The general attention given to the word, compared favourably with former years, and pleasing evidences were sometimes manifested of good having been done by former itinerations. In connexion with this work of itinerating, the Scriptures, and other religious books, were largely distributed.

In the mission station, two sermons have generally been preached on each Sabbath—one in the Compound, and the other in the church at the city. Prayer meet-

ings, and catechising the youth, have been continued in these places. The city school has been kept in operation, with the exception of a short time during the prevalence of cholera. It has been continued under difficulties, owing to the competition of the government schools. If this school is to be carried on, and made efficient for good, the missionaries assure us that the men and means must be provided. Their wants in this respect, were fully set forth in a communication published during the year; and we are now asked to provide for the claims then presented, or allow the mission to suspend this part of their work. The attention of the Assembly is specially called to this matter. The present number of boys in the main school, is 95; and in the branch school, in another part of the city, 35. The daily average attendance is about 95.

The mission Compound School was carried on as usual, for the first half of the year; but owing to the failure of Miss Gordon's health, it had to be suspended for a time. It was resumed towards the close of the year. So much importance do they attach to this school, that they have determined to devote a part of one missionary's time to this work for the coming year, or perhaps until another teacher can be sent out. The funds necessary to erect a building for this school, and for which the missionaries have been pleading for some time, are still wanting. The amount contributed by the church, or saved by the mission, for this purpose, they have had to borrow, to supply other wants; and now they ask that this sum (about $400.) be replaced, and $600 or $800 more, contributed, in order to erect a substantial building of a suitable size. One cent and a half from each member in the church, they say, would be sufficient to meet this pressing want. We are not informed as to the number of scholars in this school.

A number of orphans are still under the care and training of the mission; and five more have been added. Their instruction is embraced under the head of Compound School, and station preaching, or pastor's work.

The projected reformatory schools in the district have lately been made over to the mission; but as yet they have not been able to organize, and to put them in operation. Their progress, in this feature of the work, will be reported in due time.

Efforts have been made, for three years, to extend the work of the mission to another station. The Board, for want of funds, have not seen their way clear in encouraging this measure. But the mission, feeling the importance of the work, and seeing that if it were not begun now, the field would be occupied, and that no opportunity would be afforded for entering upon it in the future, have resolved to go forward, trusting that the Board, or the church, will sanction their course. They have accordingly taken the initiatory steps for establishing a new station in Gujranwalla. A lot of ground has been purchased with funds derived from the sale of the North Mission House, and premises, which were devoted to this object in the beginning of 1860. Two of their number, the Rev. J. S. Barr, and the Rev. G. W. Scott, have been appointed to proceed to this new station, and commence operations, and proceed with the work, as fast as funds are available. We suppose that it will be difficult for the mission to abandon the work thus entered upon, although unauthorized by the Board, and we submit the matter, in its present shape, to the Assembly for their direction. Although no recent estimate has reached us, it is supposed that it will require from $2500 to $3000 to begin efficiently the operations of this new station. If the Assembly shall decide that this amount can, this year, be granted for this purpose, the Board will cheerfully endeavour to go forward according to the direction given.

3. *Egypt.*—This mission has had a year of prosperity. The work has been carried on vigorously at Alexandria, Cairo, and the Upper Nile. The very full report of the Presbytery of Egypt to the Assembly will justify greater brevity in this part of our report.

At Alexandria, one great difficulty lies in the variety of languages and religions, which our missionaries have to deal with. In the schools are found Egyptians, Italians, Greeks, Syrians, Maltese, French, English, and German; and these are religiously classified as Greek and Roman Catholics, Copts, Moslems, Jews and Protestants.

Rev. Andrew Watson is studying the Arabic, and directing the boys' school, which numbers 90 scholars, with an average monthly roll of 48. The girls' school, which has had 232 names on the roll during the year, is under the care of Miss M'Kown, who gives instruction in the European languages required. Two sisters, Werdy and Anesa, who are among the first-fruits of our Damascus mission, assist Miss M'Kown, by teaching in the Arabic department. Both these schools are prosperous; but their usefulness is much crippled by the want of buildings, suitably arranged and located.

The sales of the Scriptures, and other books, in the Book shop, during the year, amounted to $300, which is a falling off from the previous year.

The Arabic services on the Sabbath, for some time past, have been conducted by Aboona Makhiel, a Coptic priest, who has embraced our faith, and is said to be well

qualified to preach the gospel, especially to the Copts. The audiences here are small—from 15 to 30. No members have been received during the year, though one young man, a convert from Mohammedanism, is ready to be admitted, and perhaps some others. Eight communicants belong to this mission.

At Cairo, the magnificent gift of the late Viceroy has been turned to good account. The building, originally planned for purposes entirely foreign to missionary or educational uses, has been altered and fitted up, so that it now furnishes accommodations for 350 pupils; a chapel capable of seating 250 persons; and residences for three missionary families. The first estimate for the repairs, was $1000, for which the last Assembly granted a special appropriation, which, we regret to say, the Board have not yet been able to forward. It was, however, soon discovered, by the brethren engaged, that the work would cost much more than was expected—the aggregate amounting to more than $6,500. As soon as they found that the original estimate would be overrun, they forwarded a corrected estimate, which unfortunately never reached the Board. Having at length heard from the mission, of this great and unexpected expenditure, the Board directed Drs. Dales and Prestley, then on the ground, to inquire particularly into the necessity and expediency of so great an outlay. After a full examination, they report, that the expense was unavoidable, in order to make the building available for the use of the mission; and they also state, that the property so altered, affords accommodations which would, if rent had to be paid, cost the mission the yearly sum of $2000. The greater part of the money thus expended, was borrowed from the Egyptian Building Fund, which was designed specially for Alexandria. Although buildings in Alexandria are much needed, there is perhaps no absolute necessity for immediately liquidating this part of the debt; but the $1000 appropriated by the last Assembly, should be forwarded as soon as possible.

The schools of this station are in a flourishing condition. Since the removal to the new building, the boys' school has greatly increased. The girls' school, under the care of Miss Dales, has also largely advanced in numbers. Miss Hart has charge of the girls' school in Harrett es Sakkieen—a remote quarter of the city. For the accommodation of members and adherents in this neighbourhood, it has been judged best not to remove this school to the central mission premises. In all the schools, both in Alexandria and Cairo, part of each day is devoted to thorough religious instruction.

Two services in Arabic, are held every Sabbath, which are well attended; and a weekly prayer-meeting is kept up.

During the year, the Lord's Supper has been administered three times, and twenty-four members have been received, making a total membership of 37.

The church at Cairo was formally organized, January 12th, 1863, by the selection of four ruling elders and three deacons.

In this department, the Scriptures and other books were sold to the amount of $605, a little less than that of last year.

Mr. Lansing's health having become feeble last summer, the Rev. John Hogg was transferred temporarily to Cairo, where, it has since been agreed, he is to remain permanently. Mr. Lansing's health is very precarious; but we hope he may be long spared to the church. Mr. Ewing has just begun to preach in Arabic. The brethren here anxiously await the return of Dr. Barnett next autumn.

In the Upper Nile mission, two missionary trips were made during the year—the one by Mr. Hogg, and the other by Mr. Lansing. Scores of villages were visited, and several agencies were established. The school at Osiût had been closed, but is likely to be resumed. The school at Benisouef is very encouraging. Throughout the whole of the region of the Upper Nile, there appears to be an extraordinary demand for the Scriptures and religious books, and also for preachers of the word. The American Bible Society have agreed to support a colporteur the whole of his time, in visiting the whole land, and distributing the Scriptures. Resident European friends have generously furnished the mission with a boat, suitable for the use of the colporteur in visiting the large population residing on the canals, and smaller branches of the Nile.

We here call attention to some things which belong to the Egyptian mission, in general.

(*a.*) The Presbytery of Egypt have taken six young men under their care as students of theology, to be instructed by the brethren resident at Cairo, with the view of supplying the native population of the Upper Nile with competent teachers and preachers. It is estimated, that the cost of these students, while at Cairo, will average $50 each, per annum. Those already admitted, are provided for; but it is understood that others might easily be induced to pursue this course of study. In view, therefore, of the urgent demand for the word in Egypt, and the desire of many suitable young men—some of them ex-priests—to be fitted more properly for the work of preaching, the Board recommend that an appropriation of $600 be granted for the

support of such young men as the Presbytery may, after due examination, deem worthy to receive it.

(*b.*) The brethren in Egypt earnestly urge the re-appointment of Rev. Thomas M'Cague, who returned two years ago, on account of ill health, and who is held in high esteem by his fellow-missionaries and the native Christians. But it is understood that his wife is suffering from ophthalmia, a disease contracted in Egypt, rendering it impracticable for Mr. M'Cague to return. If this difficulty were removed, it is still doubtful whether our funds would permit his re-appointment now. Such, however, is the need for his services, and so great is the desire of his brethren, that the Board ask the Assembly to authorize his being sent out again, on condition that the health of his family, and the state of the treasury may warrant it.

(*c.*) The want of a literature more precisely adapted to the population is deeply felt. There is an increasing demand for such a Christian literature, which cannot be supplied from other quarters, and the mission ask for $500 to begin the work of publication. This department, once established, would be expected to support itself, from the proceeds of sales. The brethren of the mission, we understand, expect to write, or edit these tracts which are so much needed. This matter is submitted to the consideration of the Assembly.

(*d.*) In the several departments of the mission, 42 native agents are employed as teachers, colporteurs, &c., who are sustained at the astonishingly low, total cost of $270, or an average of $6.43 each, per annum.

(*e.*) The Board are happy to inform the Assembly, that Miss Margaret B. Livingston, of Philadelphia, of the Baptist Church, has generously given, for the use of the Egyptian mission, $1000, which will be available in a few months.

(*f.*) We cannot omit the opportunity of recording our special obligations to the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. It is well known that from this church the mission received Rev. John Hogg and his wife. Not only so, but within the last five years, the people of this church have contributed $4,414 to our cause in Egypt—more than enough to support a missionary all the time. Such kindness and brotherly deeds should not be forgotten. We may also state, in this connexion, that, in the same period, large contributions have been received from other sources, making a total of over $10,000—nearly one-fourth of the whole ordinary expense of the entire Egyptian mission, from sources outside of our own church. Such facts should excite our gratitude to God, and to his people in other lands, and stir us up to more abundant efforts.

4. *Syria.*—For some months, the Rev. John Crawford was left alone in the field in Damascus, in consequence of the withdrawal of his fellow-labourer, the Rev. Smylie Robson, of the Irish Presbyterian Church. The Board, at as early a day as was practicable, sent out, according to the direction of the Assembly, the Rev. James A. Frazier. He arrived safely in Damascus on the 12th of December. Mr. Crawford, almost worn out with the entire labours of the mission, was much relieved and cheered by the arrival of his former co-labourer. Both were, at our last accounts, busily engaged in their work—in teaching in the school under their care, preaching the gospel, and circulating the Scriptures. The Christian quarters are rapidly re-building; and it is the opinion of the missionaries, that the good work will go on more prosperously than before the sad scenes of 1860. It is believed that God has, by "fearful works," been answering the prayers of his people for the success of the gospel in that land.

In Damascus, preaching has been kept up during the year; the attendance has been encouraging; and a good degree of interest manifested. The number of communicants in connexion with the church there is 13. The number of families is 8, besides several adherents.

In December, the teacher in the boys' school was induced to take employment in the Greek school in the city. Most of the pupils—about 60 in number—accompanied him: and as the missionaries have not been able to find another suitable teacher, the boys' school has remained closed since that time. The former teacher maintains his profession as a Protestant, and is, it is believed, doing substantially the same work as when employed by the mission. As there are other children, however, who might be gathered into a school, it is the desire of the mission to re-open a boys' school as soon as a suitable teacher can be obtained. The number in attendance in the girls' school, during the year, has been from 30 to 40.

An arrangement has been entered into, for placing Bibles, and other religious books, in the shop of one of the native members; and a considerable number has been sold.

Three visits have been made to Yabrûd, Nebk, and Deir Atiyeh; but owing to the fact, that Mr. Crawford was alone part of the time, they have not been able to visit these places as much as they desired. The native brethren in this region are very desirous that a missionary should reside among them permanently; and it is believed, that abundant work could be found for two men. The field is most promising: and it is regretted that the men are not there to go in and occupy it. All that the missionaries can do, is to visit it as often as possible, praying that the Lord of the harvest will in due time send forth more labourers.

In August, the Lord's Supper was administered in Nebk and Deir Atiyeh. Four members were admitted on examination and profession—one from Nebk, one from Yabrûd, and two from Deir Atiyeh. There are, at present, 10 members residing in Nebk, one in Yabrûd, and five in Deir Atiyeh—16 in all. There are eight families in that region, including, together with adherents, about 50 souls.

Within a short time, 25 men, most of them heads of families, from the village of Rasheiya, at the north end of Mt. Hermon, have applied to be taken under the instruction of the mission; desiring them to send them a preacher, and a teacher for their children. About 25 others, from the same place, had formerly made an application of a similar kind, to the brethren of the American Board in Beirut. Should these brethren not be able to occupy the field, our missionaries will endeavour to visit this place occasionally. They regret that they are not able to promise more than this.

The indemnity promised by the Turkish Government, for the loss sustained in mission property, has all been paid except the last installment. There may be some delay in the payment of this; but it is believed, that all will ultimately be paid. Much credit is due to our missionaries, for their perseverance in securing this indemnity to the mission.

It is not known at present, whether the Irish Presbyterian Church intend to prosecute their missionary work in Damascus, or not. If they should not do so, the field will be left entirely to our missionaries.

4. *Italy.*—Under the care of the American and Foreign Christian Union, and in accordance with the action of the last Assembly, the Rev. W. G. Moorehead left this country in September, for the mission in Italy. He proceeded to Florence, and at once began the study of the language, in the Waldensian Theological Seminary; together with other things necessary to the prosecution of his work. In the meantime he has been usefully employed in the distribution of tracts, &c. It is believed that he will, ere long, be able to preach in the language of the natives, and thus to enter actively upon the great duties of the work to which he has gone forth. Mr. Moorehead has undoubtedly a wide field of usefulness before him; and we trust that, with the divine blessing, much good will result from his labours.

It is with a feeling of sadness, that we are called upon, in this connexion, to record the death of the Rev. Robert Baird, D. D., the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, under whose auspices our missionary was sent to Italy. His death occurred at his home in Yonkers, New York, on Sabbath, the 15th of February. We feel that in his death we have lost an esteemed friend; our missionary, a wise counsellor; the Christian church, an honoured instrument; and the world, a benefactor.

5. *Trinidad.*—We are still persuaded as to the importance of Trinidad as a field of missionary labour; but for the potent reason that frequently appears in this report, namely, the want of money, nothing has been done by the Board, with a view to re-occupy this mission.

II. VISIT OF DRS. DALES AND PRESTLEY.

The Board having learned that Drs. Dales and Prestley were going on a tour to the East, directed them to examine carefully, the various missionary operations in Egypt and Syria, and report to the Board on their return. From information received from them, we learn, that they have been highly gratified with the knowledge they have thus acquired, of the practical workings of the missions in those lands. The Board anticipate much benefit from the visit of these brethren; as it has always been difficult to understand, from correspondence, the minutiæ of the mission work. It is anticipated, that their presence again in the Board will add much to our satisfaction and efficiency in carrying on the work intrusted to us by the Assembly; and that their experience will be of benefit to the church at large.

III. RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

For carrying on the operations of the various missions, for the year ending April 30th, 1863, the Assembly authorized the Board to expend $22,200, including $1000 for repairing the building in Cairo, and $1200 for the reinforcement of the mission in Damascus. In consequence of a flood in India, the mission property was damaged to such an extent, that the Board were compelled to grant $1500, to save the property, and to make necessary repairs; thus swelling the amount to $23,700. Unexpectedly, the exchange has averaged the extraordinary rate of about 50 per cent. premium; making, this item alone, on the remittances made, cost us about $7000—thus raising the whole amount to a grand total of more than $30,000.

The whole receipts for the year amount to $25,888.35. From this, it appears, that the amount granted by the Assembly, together with that granted by the Board, for repairs to mission property in India, and the amount paid for exchange on remittances, exceed the receipts to the amount of $4,945.65.

Foreseeing this state of affairs, we have given our missionaries information in regard to our straitened circumstances, and have notified them of a probable reduction in

their salaries and expenditures, of at least 25 per cent. To save exchange, we have borrowed from funds abroad, given for other specific objects, to the amount of $2400, and, in addition, our missionaries in Egypt were authorized to borrow from foreign parties, $2700, for which they are paying 10 per cent. interest. This has been done in the hope, that the troubles in our country would cease, and that, in consequence, the rate of exchange would decline, when the money borrowed could be replaced without such extraordinary loss by exchange. At the close of the year, there were in the hands of the Treasurer, $4,891.97.

For carrying on the work for the following year, ending April 30th. 1864, the Board would state, that, according to the lowest estimate that can be made, the following sums will be required:—For Egypt, $10,500. If Dr. Barnett should return, $1200 must be added, making $11,700. This amount, the brethren in Egypt believe, will be reduced, by contributions from Scotland, and from friends in Cairo and Alexandria, to $7,700. For India, $6,900. For Syria, $3,000. For China, $1,600. Total, $19,200. To this must be added $1000, due Egypt for new mission building, making $20,200. The exchange on this sum, at the present rate, will amount to $13,300—thus swelling the total to $33,500. To pay the money already borrowed, including exchange, $8,415 will be required, raising the sum to $41,915. If another missionary be sent to China, the expense will be $1500; and if a new station be undertaken in India, this will require $3000; and these sums, including the exchange, would swell the grand total to $49,330. In addition to this, the balance in the treasury, at the first of the year, is not sufficient, by some two thousand dollars, to make up the deficit from last year.

Thus it will be seen that, if things remain in our country for the next year as they are at present, the above enormous sum will be required to carry on our missionary operations. It should be stated, too, in connexion with this, that the cost of living is much increased in all our mission fields, thus rendering it impossible to reduce to any considerable extent the allowance given to the missionaries.

In view of these things, we now ask the Assembly to take such action as will lay this amount in the Treasury of the Board—or, if the Assembly believe that this cannot be done, then let some of the missionaries be recalled. We have no disposition to go forward as your agents in a work which there is no hope of accomplishing. We cannot listen to the appeals of missionaries in far distant lands for the means of subsistence for themselves and families when we have not the wherewith to respond to their calls.

IV. VACANCIES.

The term of office of Revs. J. B. Dales, D. D., W. W. Barr, and Mr. S. C. Huey, expires at this meeting of the Assembly.

V. CONCLUSION.

In closing their report, the Board desire to say that they have endeavoured simply and faithfully to perform the duties marked out for them by the Constitution, and by subsequent acts of the Assembly In all their published statements and appeals they have not sought to excite any undue interest in the Foreign Missionary work, at the expense of the Domestic field, or of any other cause of the Church. Some have thought that we have engrossed the attention and affection of the Church too largely. But this position can hardly be maintained with success. Are our people doing too much for Christ in foreign lands? Are we giving beyond our means, or more than the calls of Providence would seem to demand? But this is not all. The last Assembly authorized the Board to spend some twenty-two or twenty-three thousand dollars in carrying on the Foreign work. This act of the Assembly certainly was equivalent to a sacred pledge on the part of the Church to our missionaries that their work would be supported to that extent. Any failure to raise this sum would either deprive our brethren of the means of living in foreign lands, or cripple their schools, colportage, and other important operations sanctioned by the Church. The Board believe that they would be derelict in duty if they failed to use every possible effort to have the Church do what the Assembly agreed should be done.

It may also be stated that the business of the Board is yearly increasing, and is already much more extensive than is generally supposed. The correspondence, in the aggregate, is very large. During the year, regular monthly, and also several special, meetings have been held; and our labours on these occasions have been not only protracted, but often most perplexing and difficult. Much time also has been anxiously and laboriously spent in Committees. This service is rendered most cheerfully by the Board—yet it is proper to observe that if the business of our missions increases as heretofore, it will soon be impossible for those who have pastoral and other engagements, to attend to it. Meanwhile it is only asked that due allowance be made for the peculiar difficulties of our work.

By order of the Board. W. W. Barr, Cor. Sec. *pro tem.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to meet in Xenia, Ohio, May 27th, 1863, the Board of Education reports:

During the past year, increased prosperity has attended the operations of the Board, for which they desire to express their gratitude to the Head of the church.

Grants, amounting in all to $1,685, have been made to twenty-one young men from seven States, fifteen Presbyteries, and all the Synods of the church. Although there was some delay in meeting the 2d installment when it became due, and a loan was necessary to enable the Treasurer to pay the third before the close of the sessions of the Theological Seminaries, yet at the annual meeting held on the 5th inst., the Treasurer reported that all the appropriations for the year, as far as they had fallen due, had been paid, all incidental expenses met, and a balance of $210.94 left in the Treasury.

Last year many applications were made which could not be granted. This year no applications were refused.

To carry on the operations of next year, the Board ask an appropriation of $2,000. If the financial agents of the Presbyteries would see to it that the full amount due this Board be transmitted to the Treasurer quarterly, it would save the officers much trouble, and the beneficiaries much embarrassment.

The Board deeply regret that their efforts to deepen and extend a proper educational spirit through the church, have thus far been so fruitless. They freely acknowledge that they have done comparatively little, yet their success thus far does not encourage them to greater efforts. In last year's report, the Board respectfully suggested that the Assembly, Synods, and Presbyteries, should, at every meeting, give the subject of Christian Education distinct, careful, and patient consideration; that our church papers should give it much greater prominence in their columns: that ministers should study the subject, and frequently discuss it in the hearing of their people; that sessions should frequently talk it over, and use all of their influence to disseminate correct views, and a healthy tone of feeling among the people; that educators should be encouraged to lecture on the great subjects of their profession throughout the church, and that the Board of Publication should, from time to time, issue in the form of tracts, the most valuable lectures, sermons, and addresses. The Board felt that if these things were done, important and valuable results would certainly follow; yet it does not appear that in any quarter the prevailing apathy on this subject has been even disturbed to any considerable degree. It is not affirmed that the great interests of the Home and Foreign Boards receive attention beyond what they merit; yet a little reflection will certainly satisfy any one that the proper education of the children of the land is a matter of sufficient importance to the church to receive from its members and officers attention at least equal to that given to any other interest. The Board of Education, therefore, humbly prays the Assembly to consider whether the great question of Christian Education does not demand more attention than it has hitherto received, and whether steps cannot be taken by it that will largely contribute to the advancement of this great cause.

A few topics demand special attention at this crisis in the history of our country. The Board beg leave to call the attention of the Assembly to them.

1. Many Theological students, as well as many who contemplated the study of Theology, have entered the army. Many of these have already fallen; many more will yet fall, others will abandon their original purpose. The scarcity of labourers caused by the immense drain that has been made, and will yet be made to fill up the ranks of the army, will cause many who expected to commence a course of study, to abandon all thought of it. The number of candidates for the ministry is likely, thereby, to be very much diminished. Is not this an evil which the church should make special effort to prevent?

2. The church every year demands a ministry of increased intellectual culture. To meet the necessities of the case, candidates for the ministry should receive more complete and thorough literary and theological education. As general education advances, the standard of qualification for the ministry should be elevated. This seems evident, and yet there is prevalent, in many quarters, a disposition to lower rather than elevate the standard. The scarcity likely to exist in the future, will, in all probability, strengthen this disposition. Is there not danger to be apprehended from this quarter, which demands special attention of the Assembly and of the whole church?

3. Beyond all question, a potent cause of our present national troubles is to be found in the wickedness of our rulers in times past. These men were educated in our Academies, Colleges, and Universities. They entered on public life, intellectually sharp and strong, but morally corrupt,—mighty men, but wicked men. To correct this evil, our higher Seminaries must be Christianized. Careful, patient and persevering efforts must be put forth, in all these institutions, to secure moral as well as intellectual

excellence. The young man who seeks an education in order to occupy other positions of influence, must be Christianized as well as the young man who looks forward to the ministry. The cause of Christ demands godly lawyers, physicians, teachers, editors, and politicians, as well as godly ministers of the gospel. Can the causes that have brought this terrible war on the land be removed? Can this nation be made a Christian nation without sanctifying the schools of the country—from the infant school up to the University? Has the church done its whole duty when it has provided for the proper education of candidates for the ministry? Has it not a work to do for other education as well as for theological?

The Board venture to express the hope that the church will not altogether overlook these great interests.

The terms for which James Brown and David A. Wallace were elected, expire at this Assembly. The Board recommend their re-election. A vacancy has been created by the death of John McClenahan. He entered the army last August as captain of a company in the 83d Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. He was mortally wounded at the defence of Fort Donelson, and died soon after. Though he had reached nearly three score and ten, he cheerfully endured the trials of the camp and of the field with the youngest and strongest of his command. He was a faithful soldier of the cross as well as of his country. The whole regiment revered him as a man of God; his company loved him as a father. He fell asleep in Jesus. The army has few such men to lose. The Board recommend the appointment of James A. Martin, of Young America, to fill the vacancy. The report of the Treasurer accompanies this report. It has been examined, and found correct.

By order of the Board.

JOHN SCOTT, *President.*
J. A. EDIE, *Secretary.*
DAVID A. WALLACE, *Cor. Sec.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the General Assembly to meet in Xenia, 27th May, 1863, the Board of Church Extension present their annual report:

In the prosecution of our appropriate work, the Board, during the past year, have afforded assistance in one form or another, to the following congregations, scattered over the extensive field within the limits of the United Presbyterian Church.

At a meeting of the Board, 12th September, the congregation of Keokuk requested and obtained permission to employ their pastor, James Brown, D. D., as their agent to collect funds in the bounds of the Presbytery of Monmouth, to aid them in the completion of their Church. At the same meeting, at the request of Rev. A. Blaikie, the Board agreed to advance the interest of the debt of the congregation of Lawrence, in the Presbytery of Boston, for one year, supposed to be about $50, to enable the congregation to secure their church property. The congregation of Young America, in the Presbytery of Monmouth, requested and obtained permission to employ an agent to collect funds in their own Presbytery to aid them in erecting a house of worship. A grant of $50 was at the same time made to the congregation of Vandalia, in the Presbytery of Southern Indiana, to aid them in the completion of their church.

The Rev. W. H. Andrew requested in behalf of the infant but promising congregation of Lawrenceville, a loan of $600, to aid them in the erection of a house of worship on a lot which they have procured. The request was granted on the mutually agreed condition that the loan should be refunded without interest, by the payment of one hundred dollars annually, commencing two years after the date of the loan.

The congregation of Columbus city, in the Presbytery of Keokuk, requested and obtained permission to employ their pastor, Rev. A. Story, to solicit aid within the limits of the Presbytery of Argyle, for the purpose of enabling them to erect a house of worship. Mr. Story has reported to the Board his success in collecting in that Presbytery, and from some personal friends elsewhere, funds to the amount of $777.34.

The congregation of Cleveland, Ohio, some years since, erected a substantial building in a good location in the city, which is yet in an unfinished state, while there lies upon them a considerable debt. They are now making a vigorous effort under encouraging circumstances, to relieve themselves from debt, and to complete their building, to accomplish which, they have found it necessary to appeal to the sympathies of the older and stronger congregations. Considering the necessities of the case, and the importance of sustaining our cause in that growing city, the Board have thought proper to give their agent permission to explore a field somewhat extensive, including the Presbyteries of Cleveland, the Lakes, Mansfield, and Mercer, together with the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Allegheny. The congregation of Temperanceville, in the Presbytery of Monongahela, at the same time, on the representation of their pastor, Rev. A. Calhoun, obtained a grant of $200 to aid them in liquidating a debt which was pressing somewhat heavily upon them. This assistance encouraged the congregation to make a vigorous and successful effort to relieve themselves entirely of a debt of about one thousand dollars.

At a meeting of the Board, January 2d, 1863, the congregation of Chicago obtained permission to employ an agent to solicit aid in the Presbyteries of Xenia, Chartiers, Mercer and Chillicothe.

At our meeting 27th February, the congregation of Frankford, in the Presbytery of Philadelphia, having thought it necessary to dispose of their present building, which is in need of repairs, and unfavourably situated, and to erect another in a more eligible location, requested and obtained permission to employ their pastor, Rev. J. Price, as their agent to solicit aid in the Presbyteries of Philadelphia, Delaware, Monongahela, Allegheny, Chartiers, Frankfort, Wheeling, Muskingum and 1st Ohio.

At the same meeting the congregation of Paxton, in the Presbytery of Bloomington, obtained permission to employ an agent to solicit funds in the Presbyteries of Xenia and 1st Ohio, to aid them in erecting a house of worship. The congregation of Beaver, which had made application some time previously, obtained a grant of $200 to aid them in liquidating a debt contracted in erecting their church.

At our meeting 23d of April, the congregations of Viola and Aledo, in the Presbytery of Monmouth, obtained permission to employ an agent to solicit aid within the Presbyteries of Monmouth and Chicago to enable them to provide for themselves a house of worship. At the same meeting permission was granted to the congregation of Owatonna, in the Presbytery of Le Claire, to employ an agent for a similar purpose in the Presbytery of Delaware.

From this report it will appear that for the want of funds at our disposal, the principal aid which the Board have been able to extend to young and weak congregations has been given in the way of authorizing agents to make collections within prescribed limits. In assigning territory to agents, we have always had respect to the wishes of the congregations employing those agents, it being supposed that application for aid would be made to those portions of the church, which would be most likely to sympathize with them. At the same time, we have endeavoured to guard against making too frequent appeals to the liberality of any one section of the church. But few of the agents employed during the past year have as yet reported the result of their labours; but so far as results have come to hand, the congregations to whose sympathy appeals have been made, have responded liberally. During the year ending 30th of April, as will appear from the Treasurer's report, the sum of one thousand and seventy two dollars and fifty-eight cents has been paid into the treasury. It will appear from the above statement that $1100 have boen expended: since the close of the year several contributions have been received, leaving in the treasury at the present time $817, of which about one half is already appropriated.

The term of service of J. T. Pressly, S. B. Reed, and Thomas E. Wakeham expires at the present time.

All which is respectfully submitted. JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church to meet in Xenia, 4th Wednesday of May, 1863.

In presenting this our fourth annual report to this Assembly, we will first submit a brief statement of our doings through the past year, and then make suggestions as to what we judge necessary in order to give greater efficiency to our Board, so that we may be able to come nearer to carrying out the important work committed to our care.

According to the Constitution, which should regulate all our proceedings, the great object of this Board is "to furnish a sound and suitable literature for families, sabbath schools, ministers, congregations and the community at large." Anticipating that at first the means provided by the church might not be adequate to furnish such a literature by means of our own publications, the framers of this Constitution wisely specify two ways in which it is to be furnished, selecting and publishing. At first we were of necessity confined to the first mode, but in proportion as our means have increased our publications have increased, so that it will be found from one of the annexed tables we have expended more in publishing the last year than was received in contributions from the church, and so it will continue to be until in a few years the amount expended in publishing will not only equal, but far exceed that expended in the selections of other societies and houses.

The whole amount contributed this year, as appears from the Treasurer's books, is $1711.99, from which there should be deducted $47, which was intended for the Soldiers' Aid Fund, leaving $1649 99; this added to $7479.51, the amount of the permanent fund from last year, gives $9144.50 as the amount of the permanent fund now in hands. It will be seen from the annexed tables that after deducting our liabilities we can show assets to the amount of $10,270.50, so that it would appear from this we have not only spent none of the permanent fund in carrying on our business, but have an excess of $1126.00 beyond that fund: this shows a net gain of $884.49 for the year now expiring.

Although it might appear that the contributions of the present year were somewhat

in excess of some previous years, yet as $500 were contributed by one individual for a specific purpose, it will be seen there has been really a falling off in the contributions of the churches. If we had once a good start, we might afterwards get along in this way, but so long as our capital remains so small and the contributions of the church come in so slowly, no reasonable expectation can be entertained that we can engage largely in the work of publication.

During the year we have published 15,000 copies of Brown's Small Catechism, 10,000 Shorter Catechism, 3,000 New Proof Catechism, 15,000 selections of the Psalms, for the use of Sabbath Schools, 7,000 Address of the Synod of Kentucky on Slavery in 1835, 2,000 Overture of the Book of Discipline, and 3000 Willison's Sacramental Directory.

We have purchased the plates of a Reference Testament, for which we are getting Psalms stereotyped, we have also the plates of the standards of the church as far as these are completed, and would again repeat the request which we made of the Assembly last year, that you will, if possible, complete these standards at the present meeting, or instruct us to publish them, so far as completed. We also ask you to instruct us what shall be included in the book, as also its title. The donations of the same kind friend from whom we have received the $500 this year, now amount in the aggregate to $3,500. This has all been given with the express understanding that it be finally used for publishing and circulating the Holy Scriptures with the approved metre version of the Psalms. In his opinion there is need of some authorized agency to do this work. He thinks *we* should be that agency, and is able and willing to supply us with the means, if we engage in it heartily and efficiently. It is remarkable, or rather we should say providential, that a Mr. Young of East Liverpool has bequeathed us twelve hundred dollars for the same purpose. The Assignees of Mr. Alexander M'Elroy are also ready to enter into contract with us to do the work for which they were appointed, which is the circulation of the Holy Scriptures with the approved metre version of the Psalms, and to pay over to us the proceeds of his estate for this purpose. The time has, therefore, we think, come when it is necessary to have a separate fund for Bible purposes, and we ask the Assembly to instruct us to institute such a fund, commencing with the above mentioned donations and bequests, which cannot indeed be used for any other purpose. At first we used a considerable part of the donations of this worthy friend for other purposes, as he consented we should do so for a time: but we have been gradually increasing our Bible stock until now the whole amount of his donations is invested in that kind of stock.

It was found during the year that we could not enter into any contract as a Board without making ourselves personally responsible—a position which our members are unwilling to assume. This renders it necessary that we should obtain an act of incorporation, and we submit to the Assembly such an act for their approval.

According to our Constitution, it is made the duty of this Board "to take such measures as may be judged necessary or desirable for the wide-spread circulation of its publications." Thus far we have adopted no regular system of measures for this purpose, as we have had scarcely any publications to circulate, but our arrangements are now such that we confidently hope to add largely to our list of publications the coming year. We would therefore call the attention of the Assembly to this subject, that they may aid us with their counsels in devising and their influence in carrying out such measures as may be necessary to secure the desired end. It surely never was intended that the circulation of our publications should be confined to the immediate neighbourhood of the depository. In this way nothing else could be looked for but that the *extremes* should lose all interest in our operations.

What measures then should be adopted to secure this important end?

1st. Our ministers could recommend responsible individuals, by whom our publications might be kept on sale.

Or 2d. The same thing could be done by means of colporteurs. In either case a regular per centage of the profits being allowed for their services.

Or 3d. Our ministers themselves could act as agents, keeping a supply of our publications and making returns at stated periods.

Or 4th. Each Synod or Presbytery could establish a depository in its own bounds, appointing some suitable person to superintend its affairs.

The first two means may be used with advantage, but if you ever expect to realize the benefits which such a Board as ours is calculated to confer upon the whole church and community at large, it must be by our ministers and congregations taking such an interest in our affairs as to adopt either the third or fourth mode which we have pointed out. It is an easy thing to say that our publications should be circulated, and it will be equally easy to find fault with the Board if this be not done, but we venture to say that without the active co-operation of the ministry no means which this Board or the Assembly can devise, will be found efficient in giving a wide circulation to our publications throughout the church. There is another thing which we would notice here. Our permanent fund is entirely too small. We may, it is true, publish

a few more works as it is, but *how* are we to keep a stock on hand sufficient to supply the whole church in any of the ways we have pointed out? Let us therefore say plainly, that it will be of little use to recommend any one or all of these ways, unless you can devise some means for the increase of our permanent fund. To carry out *any* system of agencies we must have a far larger amount than we can command at the present, and we do not wish to be placed in any position in which we must disappoint the expectations of the church.

Owing to the limited nature of our funds, we have not as yet made any donations of books, except from funds especially appropriated to that purpose. We think, however, that the interests of the Board might be advanced by making such donations to a moderate amount. It would be especially an inducement to weak Sabbath Schools to make exertions in procuring Libraries, if we could hold out to them any encouragement or aid. If the Assembly concur with us in these views, we ask them to instruct us to make such donations in future.

According to our Constitution, it is made the duty of this Board "to publish whatever the Assembly shall direct." It will prevent difficulty and confusion in future, if the Assembly remember to take measures to supply us with any document they may wish published. As to the expense, we will endeavour to defray it as far as possible from the sales, but if these are inadequate, we would much prefer paying it out of our own funds to waiting for payment from the Assembly's fund, perhaps through the greater part of the year, thus keeping the printer out of his money.

While from the very commencement we have regarded the work of publication as the proper business of this Board, there is one class of publications which we wish to keep in view, viz.: those which go to make up a denominational literature. As United Presbyterians we have resolved, on what we consider good grounds, to maintain a separate organization. We may hold much in common with others, but there must be some principles on account of which we remain separate, else our organization is nothing but a schism in the body of Christ. Whatever these principles are, they should be maintained and defended, both by the pulpit and the press, and whenever the church becomes ashamed of her principles and ceases to proclaim them from the pulpit and by means of the press, she is near to making apostacy from them. But how is such a literature as this to be obtained? We must depend in a great measure upon ourselves for it, and we believe there is talent enough in the United Presbyterian Church to furnish all that is needed, if that talent could only be drawn forth into exercise. Any suggestions on this or any other subject will be kindly and thankfully received by this Board.

The time of service of Messrs. Prestley, Robb and Rodgers expires at this meeting.

By order of the Board. C. ARBUTHNOT, *Secretary.*

Summary of the state of the funds of the United Presbyterian Board of Publication for the year ending April 30th, 1863.

To Permanent fund at close of last year,	$7479 51	
" Contributions this year,	1711 99	
" Liabilities,	1885 08	
		$11,076 58
By Stock on hands at this date,	9931 46	
" Book Accounts,	1551 14	
" Cash on hands,	672 98	
" Special contribution transferred,	47 00	
		12,202 58
" Excess of Assets,		$1126 00

Sales and Expenditures for the year ending April 30th, 1863.

To Balance from previous year,	$467 05	
" Cash paid into Treasury from Depository,	$8230 07	
" Contributions through the year,	1711 99	
" Paid out at Depository,	624 59	
		11,033 70
" By Cash paid by Treasurer,	9736 13	
" " " at Depository,	624 59	
		10,360 72*
		$672 98

* This was expended as follows:

Books, $7006.11; Paper, $283.34; Printing, $838.78; Binding, $787.66; Superintendent, $650.00, ($50 of this for the previous year;) Clerk hire, $263.00; Freight, $182.66; Expenses, including rent, taxes, insurance, &c., $349.17. Total, $10,360.72.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

ALBANY.—The Presbytery of Albany would report that, in October last, Rev. R. D. Williamson was received on certificate from the U. P. Presbytery of Delaware, and installed pastor of the congregation of Florida. We are sorry to report that the health of our brother, Rev. A. Henry, has been so seriously impaired for several months, that he has been laid aside for a time from the active duties of the ministry. On this account, his congregation ask for supplies for six months of the present year.

The congregation of Troy, under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. Bullions, about a year ago, lost their house of worship by fire. But we are glad to report that this disaster has been made to result to their benefit. Through the energy of the congregation and the generous assistance of the Christian public, a new building has been erected, tastefully arranged and furnished, and entirely paid for, and is now occupied by them. On account of the large demands thus made upon them, they have not been able to contribute with their usual liberality to the funds of the Church at large.

On the state of religion, we have nothing special to report. We cannot report large accessions to our membership, though the ordinances, for the most part, have been regularly dispensed, and attended upon with a good degree of punctuality.

On the overtures transmitted by the last Assembly, we have to report the following votes:

On granting to the Assembly appellate power in cases of discipline—Ayes, 6; Nays, 3.

On cases transferred to a superior court—Ayes, 2; Nays, 7.

Concerning the admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches—Ayes, 9; Nays, 0.

On granting to the Assembly the power of establishing and regulating Theological Seminary—Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.

On the "Form of Government and Discipline," as amended—Ayes, 1; Nays, 7. In explanation of this vote, we would state that if the article requiring the imposition of the hands of the session in the ordination of ruling elders, had remained as in last year's book, the vote would have been unanimous in approval of this overture. And we would respectfully request the Assembly, in case the book be adopted, to send down this article to the Presbyteries as a separate overture. { A. THOMAS, Moderator.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery. { S. F. MORROW, Clerk.

ALLEGHENY.—The Presbytery of Allegheny would respectfully submit the following report:

Ordinations and Installations.—Mr. J. G. Barnes was ordained and installed pastor of the united charge of West Union and Glade Run, Aug. 12, 1862.

Mr. D. M. B. McLean was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, January 13, 1863.

Rev. J. D. Glenn was installed pastor of New Brighton congregation, April 14, 1863.

Release.—Rev. D. G. Bradford was released from the pastoral care of the Third Church, Allegheny, April 14, 1863, having accepted a call to the First Church, Monmouth, Ills.

Thomas Lawrence was dismissed, June 10, 1862, to connect with the Presbytery of Argyle.

Students Received.—Robert Stuart, 2d year—Wm. Weir, 1st year, Sept. 26th, 1862. Jas. V. Pringle, 3d year, April 14, 1863.

Calls.—One from New Brighton, addressed to Rev. J. D. Glenn, Dec. 23, 1862—forwarded and accepted.

One from Centreville and Slippery Rock, addressed to J. R. Boyd, April 14, 1863. One from East Union, addressed to E. N. McElree—forwarded to Presbytery of Butler.

One from First Church, Monmouth, addressed to Rev. D. G. Bradford, April 14th, 1863—accepted.

Ministers Received on Certificate.—D. M. B. McLean, from Presbytery of Steubenville, Dec. 23, 1862—Rev. J. D. Glenn, from Presbytery of Monongahela, January 13, 1863.

Organization.—Fifth Church, Allegheny, Nov. 18, 1863.

Licensure.—J. L. Ross, April 14th, 1863.

Jas. V. Pringle, May 13, 1863.

Overtures,—Book of Government and Discipline adopted. Ayes, 25; Nays, 0.

Appellate power granted to Assembly. Ayes, 19; Nays, 5.

Members of lower court voting in cases transferred. Ayes, 22; Nays, 1.
Concerning probation of Foreign ministers. Ayes. 6; Nays, 16.
Concerning Assembly's control of Theological Seminaries. Ayes, 13; Nays, 9.

State of Religion.—While we are encouraged by some increase in our congregations, we must lament a coldness and formality which prevails to too great an extent, and feel that the united prayer of God's people should be, "Lord, revive us." Our national troubles interfere considerably with the prosperity of our congregations, both by exciting and dissipating the minds of all, and by calling into the army many precious and useful members. Yet we have reason to hope that God, by his providences, is awakening us, and the general influence of these hard things will be for the good of Zion. In general, the contributions of our congregations have been liberal, and the assessments for the several funds have been faithfully met.

By order of Presbytery. CHAS. A. DICKEY, Clerk.

ARGYLE.—To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Xenia, on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1863, the Presbytery of Argyle would respectfully report:—

Mr. Thomas Lawrence, having received and accepted a call from the congregation of Putnam, was ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and installed pastor of that congregation on the 8th day of Sept., 1862.

Mr. D. M. Ure, having received and accepted a call from the congregation of Argyle, was ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and installed pastor of that congregation on the 9th of October, 1862.

Rev. G. M. Hall has been received, on certificate, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Mr. J. R. Fisher has been admitted as a student of Theology.

Mr. A. F. Ashton, student of Theology, has received a certificate to connect with the Presbytery of Xenia.

It is with unfeigned sorrow that we chronicle the death of our brother, Dr. Smart, who departed this life in the month of July last. Genial in disposition—well-skilled in the order and discipline of the Church—ever wise and prudent in council, Presbytery has sustained a great loss in his removal.

At the request of certain ministers and congregations at the extreme northern limit of this Presbytery, it was recommended to the Synod of New York, at its last meeting, that a new Presbytery be erected, under the title of the "Presbytery of St. Lawrence," including as its present ministerial members, Messrs. Webster, Harper, and Hawthorne, and embracing within its bounds the congregations of Lisbon, Hemmingsford, Hinchinbrook and Covey Hill. Synod, at the same meeting, ordered the recommendation to be complied with, and the new Presbytery was, on the 16th day of December, constituted at the church in Hinchinbrook.

Considerable additions have, during the past year, been made to the membership of the church in our various congregations, and in some of them a commendable degree of interest manifested in spiritual things. A call has lately been moderated in the congregation of East Greenwich for Mr. T. J. Wilson, probationer under the care of the Presbytery of Chartiers.

The vote upon the overtures sent down by the last General Assembly is as follows:—

On the Book as amended and published—Ayes, 16; Noes, 1; excused from voting, 2.

On the Appellate power of General Assembly—Ayes, 12; Noes, 7.

On the right of members of a lower court to vote in cases transferred to a higher—Ayes, 14; Noes, 3; excused, 2.

On the admission of ministers from other denominations by examination, and from Foreign Churches by examination and probation—Ayes, 19.

On the Assembly's Power over Theological Seminaries—Ayes, 14; Noes, 4; excused, 1.

All which is respectfully submitted. ISAAC N. WHITE, Clerk *pro tem.*

BIG SPRING.—To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet at Xenia, Ohio, May 27th, 1863, the Presbytery of Big Spring would respectfully report:—

During the past year death has deprived us of one of our ministerial members, the Rev. James Shields. We trust he has been taken to the enjoyment of the faithful servant's reward.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Big Spring, February 10th, Rev. James Bruce was released from the pastoral charge of the congregations of Mercersburg and Cove.

At our stated meeting, Big Spring, April 8, Rev. William McElwee was released from the pastoral charge of the congregation of Gettysburg, and, at the same time,

was furnished with a certificate to unite with the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Also, Mr. J. R. Johnston, a licentiate under our care, was certified to the Presbytery of Chartiers.

The vote on the overtures was as follows:

Respecting appellate power—Yeas, 7; Nays, 2.

Respecting cases transferred to a superior court—Yeas, 3; Nays 5.

Respecting admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches—Yeas, 8.

Respecting Seminaries—Yeas, 7; not voting, 1.

Respecting Book of Discipline, as amended—Yeas, 8.

The following paper was adopted, to be forwarded to the Assembly:—*Whereas*, there has been for some time, and is likely still to be, at the command of the H. M. Board a larger number of ministerial labourers than is called for by the Presbyteries—and *whereas*, by the present method of distribution, some of these labourers are employed all the time, to the total exclusion of the remainder, and

Whereas, the labour of many acceptable and efficient men is thus entirely lost, manifest injustice is done to many faithful and worthy labourers, great discouragement is thrown in the way of young men contemplating an entrance to the ministry, and a very injurious influence is exercised on the church at large—therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the General Assembly be and is hereby earnestly requested to so change the rules of the Home Missionary Board that all the labourers who may be at its command, from time to time, shall receive some employment.

Resolved, 2d. That we respectfully suggest the following as a proper and expedient method of effecting this:—After the several Presbyteries have obtained the number of men called for, let the unemployed remainder be distributed among the Presbyteries in a ratio determined by the original demand of each Presbytery, with instruction to the Presbyteries to give equal employment to all the men assigned them.

WM. CARLILE, } Committee.
W. L. WALLACE, }

BLOOMINGTON.—*Dismissal.*—During the year we have granted a certificate of ministerial standing to J. W. Pinkerton.

Reception and Installation.—J. M. Gordon has been received from the Presbytery of Monmouth, and installed pastor of Harmony Church.

Licensure and Call.—B. F. Pinkerton, student of Theology, has been licensed to preach, and has accepted a call from the church at Berlin.

It gives us pleasure to report one of our vacancies settled, and the prospect of other settlements soon.

The church at Paxton has been greatly prospered, and it is hoped that this new and important field may receive all necessary aid and encouragement from the Assembly.

State of Religion.—No special outpouring of the Spirit has been given to us, and most of our churches deeply lament their want of interest in spiritual things.

Sabbath Schools and *Bible Classes* are kept up, at least in summer, in all our churches, with one exception. *Prayer meetings* are maintained, but not well, in a majority of them. *Catechetical instruction* has either been revived, or faithfully continued, in all the pastoral charges. The *attendance* upon the ordinary means of grace has been generally encouraging, and we are not without evidence that these means are both effective and successful.

Family worship seems to be generally observed, and several of the churches report no exception to this rule.

Our *finances*, though not what the Bible requires, are in a very hopeful condition. The effect of *system* is manifest. The *card* system is the one most generally adopted, and it works well in every instance. We are convinced, however, that there are other systems, which, if faithfully adhered to, will speedily develop the pecuniary resources of the Church. Patriotism and humanity have been shown in relieving the wants of the soldier in the field, but these efforts have, in no instance, formed a plea for stopping the Lord's work. We are slow to learn, if we are not now taught, that the time has come—"the time that the Lord's house should be built."

Overtures.—1st. On the overtured Book of Discipline, Presbytery adopted the following:—

Whereas, we are not sure that this is the Book overtured—

Resolved, That we recommend the General Assembly to send it down again in overture to the Presbyteries.

2d. Appellate Power, in cases of discipline—Ayes, 8; Nays, 4.

3d. The Amendment—cases transferred—Ayes, 5; Nays, 7.

4th. Concerning the admission of ministers from other denominations—Ayes, 1; Nays, 5; excused, 4.

This overture was divided, and the first part, viz.:—"Presbyteries shall carefully examine as to their doctrinal views, all ministers and licentiates from other denomi-

nations applying for admission to this church," received the unanimous vote—Ayes, 12.

5th. On Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries—Ayes. 2; Nays, 10.

Respectfully submitted. J. M. Gordon, Moderator.
J. S. McCulloch, Clerk.

Boston.—To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Xenia, Ohio, on the 4th Wednesday of May, 1863, the Presbytery of Boston would respectfully report:—

That during the past year the lives of our ministers have been preserved. Our congregation of Hartford have happily obtained the settlement of the Rev. Wm. M. Claybaugh * as their pastor.

Our church in Thompsonville, we are sorry to say, continues vacant—not from the want of a disposition to invite and settle a pastor, but from the fact that those who, by your appointment, have, during the year, visited them, were, we believe, nearly all previously pledged to accept calls in other portions of the church. Hence our people there have been exposed to a series of disappointments, and "hope deferred" has not invigorated them.

Not only so, but the supply which you kindly appointed for the current quarter to us, and on whom we, on their behalf, as well as they, depended—the Rev. William Mc. Gibson—has neither addressed us nor answered our inquiry as to his intentions, nor stated why he has not fulfilled your appointment, nor asked to be released from it. His neglect, in this case, has caused this congregation to suffer—and, to the prevention of the recurrence of such dereliction of duty, we earnestly ask your attention. Permit us to suggest that when men are already pledged to a congregation, they ought not to be eligible to take appointments under your Domestic Missionary Board—and when they totally neglect either to report themselves to the Presbyteries to which you assigned them, or to answer the official communication of such Presbytery, they be subjected to appropriate censure by your venerable court. We regret to state that the contingent appropriation made last year to our church in Lawrence has not been drawn. By a series of calamities, they were previously dispirited, and owing to the very uncertain state of financial matters during last year, we were forced to neglect that congregation, until, by frequent removals to Oregon, Canada, and elsewhere, their numbers became much diminished, while those who remain have become extensively assimilated to their surroundings. We have acted on the references from the last Assembly thus:—On the Book of Discipline we voted, Ay. On cases transferred to a superior court, we voted, Nay. On the appellate power of the General Assembly, No. On the reference in relation to the admission of Foreign ministers and licentiates, we voted, Yea—and on the reference in relation to the control of the Theological Seminaries by the Assembly, Presbytery, with one dissenting voice, returned a negative.

We desire some emendations of the Presbyterian metrical version of the Psalms. Let the defects in measures and obsolete words in our present common metre version be corrected—let a long and a short metre version be prepared for each Psalm, and a few particular metres, and we will have a Psalm-book that would be generally acceptable to our people. Our principle of the best version would gain ground, and then the principal objections raised against the exclusive use of the Psalms would be removed.

It would be still more desirable if this could be done in co-operation with the British Presbyterian Churches, to whom nearly all our membership have formerly belonged, and by whom, in whole or in part, the Presbyterian version is used. But, if not, if wisely done—while we would not dissever our practice from theirs, so far as not to be recognised by their people, when they come to us—such an improvement would meet the wishes of every true friend of the exclusive use of the Psalms. Against all new versions, such as would produce a separate book, we would earnestly remonstrate. One Psalm-book is, in our judgment, enough.

In view of the numbers who have gone from our own churches to California to a former Assembly, we suggested the consideration of placing a faithful and qualified missionary in San Francisco—and permit us now respectfully to call your attention to the subject, and urge you to do so.

Our local surroundings are different from all your other Presbyteries, excepting those of Vermont and of Cleveland, and this both in race and in religion. Custom is the ecclesiastical bulwark of our neighbours, or, as it is maintained, "the manner in which congregationalism took its rise in New England, renders it sufficiently divine." Those, the dominant denomination in New England, differ from us not only

* Mr. Claybaugh was duly installed on April 30th, by a Committee of Presbytery.—Clerk.

in regimen and discipline, but on at least ten different points of doctrine, including the guilt of Adam's first sin, depravity, atonement, etc., while other sects, such as Unitarians, Universalists, and Transcendalists, extensively occupy the pulpits of New England.

We are consequently, both in view of doctrine and worship, strangers in the land of our sojourning. As such, we ask from you your prayerful sympathy and liberal material co-operation. Our people are generally poor, and, as we believe, they exert themselves in sustaining the institutions of religion in these trying times, we earnestly entreat you, on their behalf, to grant to them for the coming year liberal pecuniary aid, as we occupy truly a missionary field, and our people are extensively dispersed by our present atrocious war.

As to the state of religion, we cannot speak very encouragingly. One congregation has had considerable increase—others but little, and others still, owing to our *times*, have been diminished. In most cases, our churches enjoy peace, and the attendance upon ordinances is fair—yet, where an entire separation from our surroundings cannot be maintained, "evil communications" will and do "corrupt good manners," especially among our youth. A statistical table accompanies this report. Respectfully submitted. Done by order of Presbytery.

ALEX. BLAIKIE, Clerk.

Fall River, April 22, 1863.

BUTLER.—To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet at Xenia, on the 27th of May, 1863, the Presbytery of Butler would respectfully offer the following report:—

I. NARRATIVE.

1. *Receptions.*—Mr. Newton Brown and Mr. Nixon Wade have been received as students of Theology.

2. *Calls.*—A call from the united charge of Slippery Rock and Centreville, in favour of Mr. J. R. Boyd, was sustained and forwarded to Allegheny Presbytery for presentation. A call from 2d Freeport, in favour of Mr. E. N. McElree, for his labours half time, was sustained, and another call from East Union, in favour of the same for the other portion of his time, was forwarded by Allegheny Presbytery, and both were accepted.

3. *Ordination and Installation.*—Mr. T. M Seaton has been ordained to the office of the ministry, and installed pastor of Worthington and Rich Hill.

4. *Licensure.*—Mr. Thomas Balph has been licensed to preach the gospel.

5. *Dissolution.*—Rev. W. H. Jamison has been released from Evansburg congregation, which was part of his charge.

II. RELIGION.

Since our last annual report nothing striking has taken place in our bounds. It is our privilege to report that the lives of all our ministerial brethren have been preserved, and, so far as the reports from the various congregations have been presented to us, they have laboured with their usual acceptance. And although there has been no special outpouring of the Spirit on the people within our bounds, still we are encouraged, from their commendable attendance on the public ordinances of God's house, and their interest in prayer-meetings and Sabbath Schools. However, we have to report that there are a few among our congregations, by reason of their political preferences, who are still troubling our beloved Zion. As a general thing, peace and harmony reign among us. In some instances the contributions have not been as liberal as they should have been, yet we have but little reason of complaint, considering the exciting circumstances of the past year.

III. OVERTURES.

The vote of our Presbytery on the overtures is as follows:

1. On the form of government and discipline, as amended—Ayes, 11.
2. Concerning the appellate power of the General Assembly—Ayes, 18.
3. Concerning cases transferred to a superior court—Ayes, 12.
4. Concerning the admission of ministers, &c., from other churches—Ayes, 18.
5. Concerning the Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries—Noes, 14.

IV. REQUEST.

The following request was ordered to be embodied in this report:

Resolved, That we request the General Assembly to complete and print the amended version of the Psalms at an early day, in view of its adoption and use.

All which is respectfully submitted. JAMES A. CLARK, Stated Clerk.

CALEDONIA.—The Presbytery of Caledonia would respectfully report:—

That on the 4th of June last the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Thomas F.

Boyd and the congregation of Rochester was dissolved, and he, at his own request, received a certificate of dismission to connect himself with some other Presbytery. Our vacancies now are Rochester and Seneca.

At a meeting in York on the 16th of September, Mr. Joseph McNab was taken under our care as a student of Theology. He has attended the last session of the Seminary at Allegheny.

Our churches, so far as we know, are in a healthy and flourishing condition, although the increase of their membership during the year has not been large. In the most of them, prayer-meetings are regularly observed. They are, to a very gratifying extent, free from internal strifes and discussions. But while we report these things, we are nevertheless grieved to add that the state of religion among us is very far from being what we wish it were—and we feel that we very greatly need the shedding down of the Holy Ghost from heaven to revive this part of the Lord's heritage.

By order of Presbytery. W. S. McLaren, Clerk.
D. C. McVean, Mod.

Chartiers.—To the General Assembly, to meet at Xenia, Ohio, the Presbytery of Chartiers would report the following business transactions during the past year:—

Ordinations and Installations.—Mr. D. S. Kennedy, at Centre, September 4th, 1862.

Receptions.—Mr. J. R. Johnston, Licentiate from the Presbytery of Big Spring, Ap. 15th, 1863. Mr. John Reed, student of Theology, from the Presbytery of Wheeling, June 18, 1862.

Licensures.—Messrs. J. C. Meloy and J. Reed, April 21, 1863.

Demission.—T. Hanna, D. D., of cong of Washington, October 1, 1862.

" Mr. James Sawhill, licentiate, to connect with the Presbytery of Le Claire.

Call Accepted.—Mr. J. R. Johnston, to Washington, March 10, 1863.

Presbytery, at its meeting, April 21, 1863, agreed to co-operate with Wheeling Presbytery in sending missionaries and supplies to the freedmen of the South. Contributions for this purpose were directed to be raised in all the congregations under our care.

On the State of Religion, Presbytery reports—

That under the calamities with which God, in his providence, is visiting our land, while there are some instances of defection on the part of individuals, yet, in general, the members of the United Presbyterian Church under the care of this Presbytery, steadfastly adhere to the principles of the Church: and while there is no special evidence of a revival of religion, yet the ordinances of grace have been attended, for the most part, with a good degree of regularity. In nearly all instances the contributions have reached or exceeded the amount apportioned.

On the Overtures, the vote of Presbytery is as follows:

No. 1. Book of Government and Discipline, as amended—Ayes, 13; No, 0.
No. 2. Appellate power of Assembly—Ayes, 12; No, 1.
No. 3 Cases transferred to superior court—Ayes, 10; Noes, 3.
No. 4. Admission of ministers, &c —Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.
No. 5. Assembly's power over Theological Seminary—Ayes, 4; Noes, 9.

By order of Presbytery. J. G. Carson, S. C.

Chicago.—To the General Assembly, to meet in Xenia, May, 1863:

Fathers and Brethren:—Since the meeting of the last General Assembly, Revs. Jos. A. Morrow and N. H. Brown have been received on certificate from the Presbytery of Monmouth. These brethren, after delivering the usual pieces of trial, were, on the 13th of October, A. D., 1862, ordained and set apart to the office of the Holy Ministry.

Mr. Brown, having received a call for two-thirds of his time from the congregation of Shannon, was at the same time installed pastor of said congregation.

During the year the congregation of Caledonia has been organized in Wisconsin. The prospects are reported very encouraging.

Since our last report, the following installations have taken place, viz.: Rev. D. Todd as pastor of the congregation of Chemung. On April 14th, Rev. W. C. Jackson, as pastor of the congregation of Chicago; and on March 2, 1863, Rev. J. W. Collins as pastor of the congregation of Neshanoc.

We do not feel like boasting of our progress, yet we think it sufficient to justify continued hope and renewed efforts.

Prayer-meetings and Sabbath Schools are established in many of our congregations, in all, it is believed, that have stated pastors. Our contributions for the various funds of the Church amount for the year to nearly $700. This is an average of nearly one dollar per member.

Our report on the various matters overtured by the last Assembly will be found in an accompanying paper.

A statistical table and a more full report concerning the state of religion, also accompany this report.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery. R. W. French, Clerk.

Chillicothe.—To the General Assembly, to meet at Xenia on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1863, the Presbytery of Chillicothe report:—

On the 25th of June, 1862, the pastoral relation between the Rev. A. W. McClanahan and the congregation of Decatur was dissolved. At the same time Mr. McClanahan was tried and suspended from the exercise of the ministerial office for marrying his deceased wife's sister. In the month of October, 1862, Mr. McClanahan, after a brief illness, departed this life.

In July, 1862, the pastoral relation between Rev. T. H. Dysart and the congregation of Fall Creek, at the request of the former, and with the consent of the latter, was dissolved. In October, 1862, Mr. Dysart obtained a certificate of ministerial standing to connect with the Presbytery of Sidney.

At our meeting in April, 1863, we received under our care Mr. J. M. Waddle, probationer, on certificate from the Presbytery of Wheeling At the same meeting he accepted a call from the congregation of Decatur. At a meeting held at Decatur this present month he was ordained and installed pastor of the congregation.

The vote of the Presbytery on the various Overtures from the General Assembly is as follows:

The Form of Government and Discipline as amended—Ayes, 0; Noes, 10.

Concerning the appellate power of the General Assembly—Ayes, 10; Noes, 3.

Concerning cases transferred to a superior court—Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

Concerning the admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches—Ayes, 11; Noes, 3.

Concerning the General Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries—Ayes, 3: Noes, 11.

Concerning the state of religion in our bounds, as in a former report, so in this—we have to complain of the deleterious influence of our present civil troubles on the spirituality of our ministers and people, though the attendance on, and the material support of, ordinances are as good as at any former time in our midst. Our hope and confidence are that God will in his providence soon restore peace to our land, exalt righteousness, truth and humanity in our midst, make his goings forth to be seen in the sanctuary, and fill his people's hearts with joy.

By order of Presbytery. D. MacDill, Clerk.

Cleveland.—The Presbytery of Cleveland would respectfully report, That, in the kindness of the Lord, the lives of all our ministerial members have been spared during the year, and but little time lost through ill health. Two certificates of dismission have been granted—one to Rev. J. T. Torrence to unite with the Presbytery of Southern Indiana, and the other to Rev. James McGill, to connect with the Presbytery of Stamford. Mr. J. S. McConnell, a licentiate, was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Monongahela. This brother having been appointed by the Home Mission Board to labour during the year in Cleveland, it was deemed essential to the successful prosecution of his work there that he should be ordained; and accordingly he was taken on trials with this view, and on the 4th of September solemnly set apart to the work of the holy ministry; and the prospects of the Cleveland congregation appear to be brighter through his labours.

As to the state of religion in our bounds, we think, from our congregational reports, that we are not going back, and yet our advance is not rapid. The form, at least, of family worship is generally observed, and prayer-meetings attended by respectable numbers. Our Sabbath Schools appear to be more interesting and more successful than formerly.

In regard to the unhappy condition of our country, there is great unanimity among our people. They, with few exceptions, are in favour of vigorously prosecuting the war, and putting a perpetual end to that foul demon of Slavery that has cursed our land so long. The late fast recommended by the President was strictly observed. Many of our young men and sons, who have families, are in the army, and we have reason to bless God that comparatively few of them are as yet numbered among the dead.

At a late meeting of the Presbytery held in Youngstown, the Overtures from the General Assembly were all duly considered, and our vote on them stands as follows. viz.:—

On No. 1, namely, the form of Government and Discipline as amended—Ayes, 12; Nays, 0.

No. 2. Relative to the appellate power of the General Assembly—Ayes, 9; Nays, 3.

No. 3. Concerning cases transferred from a lower to a superior court—Ayes, 2; Nays, 10.

No. 4. Concerning the admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches—Ayes, 12; Nays, 0.

No. 5. Concerning the Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries—Ayes, 12; Nays, 0.

That the Head of the Church may be with you to direct and bless you, is the united prayer of us all.

J. S. McConnell, Moderator.

By order of Presbytery.

J. M. Henderson, Clerk.

Conemaugh.—To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Xenia on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1863, the Presbytery of Conemaugh would respectfully report—

That since our last report, our number has been lessened by the decease of Rev. M. H. Wilson in November last.

At a special meeting held at Indiana in July last, Mr. C. B. Coleman, after the customary trial exercises, was ordained as an Evangelist.

At our meeting in October last, Revs. Blair and Wilson resigned their respective charges, and were released. Thus two more charges are added to our already long list of vacancies.

Our vacancies are prospering under the occasional preaching received from supplies. There are some among them anxiously awaiting the labours of a pastor.

At our present meeting at Jacksonville, Mr. S. Telford and John F. Marlin were licensed to preach the gospel of the kingdom of Christ.

R. C. Taylor, Esq., was continued Financial Agent and Treasurer of Presbytery.

We have now but one student of Theology, D. W. McLain, who has been one winter at the Seminary.

S. Anderson, Moderator.

Jacksonville, April 15, 1863.

H. Q. Graham, Clerk.

Delaware.—The Presbytery of Delaware would respectfully report—

1. *Changes.*—Rev. Joseph Thyne was installed pastor of the congregation of East Springfield on the — of last September, and at the same meeting Mr. George Harkness was admitted to the study of Theology. On the — of October, Rev. R. D. Williamson received a certificate to connect himself with the Presbytery of Albany. Rev. W. J. Cleland has demitted the pastorate of the West Delhi congregation, and was released by Presbytery on the 28th of April.

2. *On State of Religion.*—The spiritual condition of the church within our bounds differs little from last year. We have eleven congregations; of these eight are settled and three are vacant. Prayer-meetings are sustained in them all, except in two vacancies. Bible-classes and Sabbath Schools are well sustained, family worship is generally observed, public ordinances are well attended, and peace prevails both in our church courts and congregations. Contributions have been more liberal than last year, but do not yet reach the quota allotted to us. The increase in members is too small to warrant the belief that we have been blessed with any special work of grace in our midst.

3. *On Overtures.*—On the matters overtured to Presbytery we have voted as follows:—

1st. On Book of Discipline as amended—Ayes, 9; Nays, 0.

2d. On giving appellate power to General Assembly—Ayes, 5; Nays, 3.

3d. On cases transferred to a superior court—Ayes, 0; Nays, 7.

4th. On receiving ministers from other churches—Ayes, 9; Nays, 0.

5th. On Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries—Ayes, 7; Nay, 1.

4. *Wants.*—For Andes, West Delhi, and Lansingville, we ask supply amounting to (30) thirty months in all. For East Springfield we ask seventy-five dollars—for Lansingville, *if settled*, one hundred and twenty-five dollars, and, if not settled, seventy-five dollars.

5. *Complaint and Suggestion.*—The practice of our Home missionaries disregarding their appointments for the purpose of accepting calls, or of seeking some more inviting field, has become an evil so grievous and so disastrous to the interests of the Church, that we do not see how the Assembly can any longer avoid adopting suitable measures to prevent the recurrence of these failures. The former action of the Assembly can never remedy this evil, as it is simply a law without any adequate penalty affixed for its violation.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery. { J. M. Smeallie, J. B. Lee, } Committee.

Des Moines.—To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Xenia, May 27th, 1863, the Presbytery of Des Moines would report:—

During the past year there have been two regular meetings of Presbytery.

At a special meeting in September last a call from Somerset congregation was pre-

sented to Mr. T. P. Dysart, a licentiate of Wheeling Presbytery. This call having been accepted, Mr. Dysart was, at our late meeting, April 15th, ordained and installed pastor of Somerset congregation.

At the same meeting, Rev. J. A. Vance was, at his own request, released from his charge of Knoxville congregation. Rev. Thomas McCague was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Egypt.

Since your last meeting, two of our number, Revs. Pattison and McAyeal, have left us to join the army.

At our late meeting, petitions for organization were received from Centreville, Appanoose county, and from Lacona, Warren Co.

At the same meeting, a call from Boonsboro' congregation was presented to James G. Freeborn, a licentiate under our care. At the request of Mr. Freeborn, Presbytery granted him until its next meeting to decide whether or not he should accept.

Upon the Assembly's Overtures, the following is the action of this Presbytery:—

On appellate power, in cases of Discipline, Presbytery voted, Ay.

We also report in favour of striking out last clause of Book 2, chap. 12, in the Book of Discipline, and insert the proposed amendment.

On the overtures concerning receiving ministers from other churches, we vote, Ay.

Concerning a new version of the Psalms, the following resolution was unanimously adopted—

That, as a Presbytery, we feel the necessity of an improved version of the Psalms in the Church at the present time, and we earnestly request the Assembly to take the proper measures for its *speedy* introduction.

That harmony and good will may prevail in all your deliberations, and that you may be guided to such measures as shall further the highest interests of our beloved Zion, and the glory of her great KING, is our earnest wish and prayer.

By order of Presbytery. JOHN H. YOUNG, Com.

DETROIT.—The Presbytery of Detroit would respectfully report that during the past year, nothing of special interest has occurred within our bounds. The lives of all our ministerial members have been spared, and all our congregations appear to be in a prosperous condition. At our meeting, August 12th, J. L. Whitla was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Frankfort, and ordained and installed pastor of Nankin congregation after the usual trials. At the same meeting, Mr. Wm. Harvey, a graduate of Westminster College, was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a student of Theology. In the month of February a new congregation was organized at Davisville, Sanilac county, numbering thirty-one members, and a good prospect of rapid increase. At our last meeting, Rev. John MacLellan received and accepted a call from the united charge of Davisville and Fremont. His installation as pastor is expected to take place on the second Tuesday of July. At the same meeting a memorial on the subject of Psalmody was adopted and directed to be laid before the General Assembly.

On the overtures of the Assembly, the following is the vote of Presbytery:—

On the Book of Discipline as amended—Ayes, 5; excused from voting, 3.

Appellate power of the Assembly—Ayes, 8; Nay, 0.

Cases transferred to a superior court—Ayes, 8; Nay, 0.

Admission of ministers and licentiates—Ayes, 8; Nays, 0.

Assembly's control of Theological Seminaries—Ayes, 8; Nay, 0.

J. P. SCOTT, Clerk.

EGYPT.—To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in Xenia, Ohio, on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1863, the Presbytery of Egypt respectfully submits the following report:—

No changes such as are usually reported by Presbyteries have taken place in our bounds since the last General Assembly.

A kind Providence has mercifully spared all our lives, and, although some of our number were, for a time, prevented by ill-health from the performance of their usual duties, yet, during most of the year, all have been permitted to labour with encouraging success.

As the members generally have not had an opportunity of examining the documents overtured to the Presbyteries, we are not prepared to report in reference to them, but trust that the Head of the Church will direct you to such issues as will advance the interests of His kingdom, and do most to promote the glory of His great name.

At a meeting of Presbytery, held on the 31st of December, 1862, Rev. G. Lansing was appointed to organize a congregation in Cairo, and, at a subsequent meeting on the 28th of February, 1863, he reported—That a meeting of the members of the Mission Church in Cairo was called on the 5th of January, and an election held, which

resulted in the choice of four Ruling Elders and three Deacons—the names of the former being Makhiel Makhiel, Salchh Awad, Yakub E. Ermine, and Gurgus Basbetty. The names of the latter—Gurgus Hanna, Espero Thoma, and Awad Hanna; and

2. That on the 15th of the following month these persons were solemnly set apart to their respective offices, by prayer and the laying on of hands, Revs. Hogg and Ewing, and Drs. Dales and Prestley, of the Board of Foreign Missions, assisting. At the same meeting, the following Preamble and Resolutions were presented and adopted:—

Whereas, There are now six individuals in full communion with us who desire to study Theology, and who are judged by Presbytery fit persons to be admitted to that study—and,

Whereas, The support of four of these persons—three of them being ex-priests, is provided for independently of the Mission, and the other two being partially employed by the Mission, have left to them sufficient time for this pursuit—and,

Whereas, Presbytery judges it of great importance that a commencement should be made in this work, and thus a nucleus be formed to which others may come, for whose support provision may be made by the Board, or otherwise; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the missionaries at Cairo be directed at once to organize these classes, and make arrangements for giving lessons in systematic and pastoral Theology and church history.

Resolved, 2d. That the teachers in the Boys' School, who are also members of the church, be encouraged, as far as their present engagements will permit, to attend these lectures, in order the better to prepare them for their duties in the school.

Resolved, 3d. That in conducting these exercises, reference be also had to the preparation of material for publication, in order to meet the great and increasing demand for a sound Christian literature.

Resolved, 4th. That the Rev. G. Lansing be directed to make application to the American Tract Society for a grant of money to defray the expenses of the publication of such of their works as may be translated, and to supplement any appropriations that may be made by our Board of Foreign Missions, or Board of Publication, for this purpose.

At the same meeting it was also *Resolved*, That in view of the increasing work in Cairo and Upper Egypt, and also on account of the improbability of soon obtaining suitable premises in Alexandria, the force in Alexandria be reduced to one resident missionary, and that, for the present, Rev. Mr. Hogg be stationed at Cairo.

In consideration of the plan proposed in the report of Upper Egypt for meeting the demands of that department, the following was adopted:—

Whereas, It is of the utmost importance for the work in Upper Egypt that the proposed scheme of building or purchasing a suitable boat, be put in action without any delay—and,

Whereas, A kind Providence has already provided half the funds required for that purpose; therefore,

Resolved, That we at once take steps in the matter, trusting to the same kind Providence for what is still needed. It might not be improper to add that a very suitable boat has since been purchased, without *any* cost to the Mission, as some benevolent friends in Alexandria have generously contributed the *whole* amount necessary. It will also be seen by a reference to the report above mentioned that a colporteur has already been provided for this work by the American Bible Society, so that the expenses to be borne by the Mission must necessarily be very small. We trust that the Lord, our strength, who is thus favouring this enterprise in its beginning, will also prosper it, and, by this means, will cause his light and truth to reach many who are now sitting in the region and shadow of death.

The state of religion in our bounds, although far from what it should be, is not discouraging. Most of those who profess to have received the truth, give encouraging evidence that they are growing in grace, and manifest a commendable zeal in the Master's service. The number of those who attend our religious exercises is gradually increasing, while many throughout the whole land seem to be earnestly inquiring the way to Zion.

As no apportionments have been sent us, we have taken it for granted that, owing to our peculiar circumstances, we are not expected to comply with the rule requiring contributions for the different Boards and funds of the Church.

The following annual report was adopted:—

ALEXANDRIA MISSION.

"Nothing of special importance has occurred during the year," is a remark often seen in reports of churches and Presbyteries at home—and that, too, where the pastors have been very watchful over their flocks, and the flocks themselves feeding on the rich pastures of God's grace. We think, therefore, that it will not be accounted

strange when we write the same of a particular field in a foreign land But, be that as it may, we are constrained thus to write in reference to the Alexandria Mission during the past year. Yet when we say this, we do not mean that nothing has been done by those in the field, or that the field itself is not one of great importance. It is well known that Alexandria is a field of peculiar difficulty, but, on that account, looking at our work as the renovation of the world, it is so much the more important; for the elements of opposition, powerful for evil, would, if consecrated by God's grace, be powerful for good. Instead, however, of experienced missionaries being here to cope with the powers of evil, during at least half of the year the field has been occupied by the raw recruits of our diminished missionary band. Brothers Barnett and McCague being at home, and the others being engaged in other duties, it was deemed necessary for Brother Hogg to spend some time on the Upper Nile in prosecutoin of the important work there. This he did during March, April, and part of May. Only three months after his return to his work in Alexandria, on account of the severe illness of Brother Lansing, and the pressing demands of the work in Cairo, he again left Alexandria and went to Cairo, where he has been ever since. Thus it will be seen that we had only, during half the year, one missionary qualified for the work—and during that period he was so occupied with the financial and secular business of the Mission, that but little time could be given to the work. And yet we are happy to report that the different parts of the missionary scheme have not been neglected. The preaching twice every Sabbath has been continued, with about the usual attendance. In Mr. Hogg's absence, the services are conducted by Aboona Makhiel, whose knowledge of the Bible, Christian experience and zeal, are deserving of high commendation. A Copt himself, he knows all the Coptic weaknesses and follies—a priest, he knows well the ignorance and sins of the priesthood—a native, he is acquainted well with the native character, manner of life, and modes of thought—and being a thorough Protestant, an earnest Christian, he is peculiarly qualified to preach the gospel to his fellow-countrymen. The audiences in Alexandria are not large, being from fifteen to thirty, but we cannot expect them to be much larger until we can offer a more inviting plea to those who would be inclined to come It is to be hoped that the Church will remember that, though the brethren in Cairo have, through the munificence of the Pasha, a good place for their Sabbath services, in Alexandria we have the same small room and uncomfortable benches that were here years ago. We can record no accessions to our little number during the year, though there is one young man—a convert from Islamism—ready to unite at the next communion—and perhaps others, who we know have become convinced of the truth of Christianity, and their personal duty. The Sabbath School, numbering from forty to fifty, conducted by Mr. Hogg, has, on account of his absence, been suspended—at least as far as the boys are concerned;—a few girls still continue to come, under the instruction of Miss McKown.

The Boys' School, in numbers, is the same as at the time of writing last year's report. The following will give you a view of the number, religions, and nationalities of those in attendance during the year:—

In attendance during the year, 90; average monthly roll, 48; Christians, (of Christian parentage,) 63; Muslims, 24; Jews, 3.

Nationalities.—Egyptians, 48; Italians, 12; Greeks, 11; Syrians, 11; Maltese, 4; French, 2; English, 1; German, 1.

The first hour of every day is spent in reading and explaining a portion of sacred truth, and in prayer—after which there is a variety of studies, such as grammar of Arabic. English and Italian, geography, arithmetic, reading in four languages, spelling, writing, singing, catechism, evidences of Christianity. The morning exercises are conducted by one of the missionaries, and the other studies generally by native teachers. We are sure that much religious instruction has been given to the scholars by means of these morning exercises—and here, as well as in Cairo, the fruit of this labour is plainly seen. One very interesting feature of the school is the gradual increase in the attendance of Mohammedans. In former years, the average was one-sixth of those attending—last year, one-fourth—and during the last month, one-third. In this way God may, in his own good time, enable us to make a breach in the walls of Mohammedanism by which we may enter and subdue to Jesus the kingdom of the false prophet.

The Girls' School, under the direction of Miss McKown, has had on its roll during the year two hundred and thirty-two names. During the first half of the year, two-thirds were Jewesses—during the last half, only one-fourth—the rest being Greek and Roman Catholics, Copts, Moslems, and one Protestant. It will be seen that there has been a great falling off in the attendance of Jewesses. The cause, however, arises from no fault of ours. The little girls taught the sweet story of the cross at our school, told at home what they had learned, and in some cases asked their parents why the Jews were so cruel to Jesus—why they crucified so good a person? This

coming to the ears of the more strict, stirred them up to devise some means for preventing the children from attending a Christian school. This, however, was not to be effected so easily, since some of the parents had become convinced of the necessity of education, and many of the girls had become quite attached to their teachers. But by organizing schools of their own, employing the best teacher, offering tuition free, and promising to feed and clothe the children, and give a premium at the end of the year—thus appealing to Jewish cupidity—they have succeeded in enticing away a large portion. We are the more reconciled to the result when we remember that it has happened on account of the efficiency of the school in a missionary point of view. At present the European element is large in the school—an element as destitute of true Christianity as are the Jews. Miss McKown spends her whole time in the school in governing and instructing—a work of no small labour among the representatives of so many nations and religions. In former years, an Italian and French master was employed, at considerable expense, but, during the past year, with the exception of a few months, Miss McKown has done all the work in the European languages, while Werdy and her sister Anesa have given the Arabic instructions. Besides the Bible lessons in the morning, there are taught nearly all the branches of a common school education—the afternoon being spent in teaching, knitting and sewing.

We must mention, as a serious loss to the school and the Mission, the death of Anna Southwell, who had endeared herself to us all, when in health, by her gentleness, kindness and diligence—when in sickness, by her patience and resignation, and readiness to die or live, as it might please God. She died on the 17th of May, and now, as we hope, she has entered the school of heaven—the first fruits of the Alexandria Girls' School. Before her sickness she had rendered efficient service, being able to use, in some degree, five languages.

The Book Shop.—We can say but little about this, except to give a view of the sales. They are as follows:

	VOLS.	PRICE.
Holy Scriptures,	478	$140
Religious books, (from Beyrout,)	630	$140
Miscellaneous books,	130	$100

These figures compare with last year, in regard to Scriptures, less—in regard to other books, greater. The falling off in the Scriptures arose from the decrease in sales in the harbour. The Book Shop is a good place for meeting individuals, and in Mr. Hogg's presence in Alexandria he frequently improved the opportunity.

In conclusion, we acknowledge the kindness of our covenant-keeping God to us during the past year, for the measure of health and strength we have enjoyed, and for the many friends he has raised up for us in this land, and for the encouragements still to prosecute the work. Many doors of usefulness are open, but there is no one prepared to enter in. May the time soon come when, strong in numbers and in the Lord, we will be able to enter in at every open door, and occupy for our Redeemer and King.

CAIRO MISSION.

The past year has been a very eventful and important one to this branch of the mission, and God has given us many tokens of his favour.

After repeated efforts to obtain a grant of mission premises from the late Viceroy, we were at last put in possession of a building, in many ways, admirably suited to our work, and most favourably located.

It is situated between one of the principal streets and a large public park—being separated from the latter by a vacant lot, through which we have a street, and from the former by a part of the original building, still in the possession of the government. This renders the location convenient, healthy and pleasant. It is also near the Coptic quarter, which is another very important consideration, as our work is principally among the Copts.

The main building is one hundred feet long, and eighty-eight feet wide. To this is attached two wings—one sixty by twenty-four feet, the other seventy-eight by thirty-two feet. The longer wing contains only a Turkish bath and a large apartment, formerly used as a kitchen, and in its present form is not of much use. The other parts of the building are three stories high. A portion of the lower story, however, is not suitable for school-rooms or dwellings, but is useful for other purposes. In front of the house there is a court or yard one hundred feet long and twenty-five wide, and between the two wings is another court sixty by forty feet. There are a number of little irregularities not noticed—but this is a correct general outline of the premises.

And while our hearts should overflow with gratitude to Him to whom belongs the earth and the fulness thereof, and in whose hand is the heart of the King, for thus giving us a possession in the land of the stranger, we think also that the name of Said Pasha deserves to be held in grateful remembrance by all who desire the prosperity

of Zion. Whether designedly or not, he thus came up to the help of the Lord in the way most needed, and in the way, too, in which the Church seems least likely to exert herself in proportion to the actual need. We are also deeply indebted to our worthy Consul-General, and to the Vice-Consul of Cairo, for the wise course pursued by them in this matter, and for the zeal and perseverance with which they engaged in it.

The final grant was secured on the 17th of February, 1862, and on the 3d of March, we commenced to repair the building, and arrange it to suit our work. On the 18th of the same month the boys' school was removed to it. The girls' school was not transferred until the 21st of June. By this time both families had moved in, and the Sabbath services were afterwards held in the new premises. The work of repairing, however, was not by any means completed, although it had been vigorously carried on from the commencement. The number of labourers employed during the first four months varied from twenty to sixty. Since that time the force has not been large, but the work has still been going on. Our plans for the present are nearly completed, but we are sorry that the state of finances will not permit us to go a little farther. The wing which is now useless ought to be rebuilt and arranged for a boarding-school, and we trust that the day is not far distant when we will be enabled to do this. The interests of the mission demand it at present.

The repairs, it must be confessed, have required a great deal of time and labour, and a vast expense. But when we consider what has been gained, neither labour nor expense seems unreasonable. The property, as it came to our hands, was a princely present, but not available It is now not only available, but very suitable for our work—worth fifty thousand dollars—and, if we had to pay rent for it, or for similar accommodations in any part of the city, it would cost fully two thousand dollars a year. We have comfortable dwellings for three families, sufficient accommodations for three hundred and fifty pupils, and a chapel, comfortably seated, that will hold two hundred and fifty persons. Throughout the whole building we found it necessary to make new doors and windows, so that the carpenter-work is nearly all new. As lumber is very expensive here, this made a heavy bill. A good deal of plastering was also necessary—some of the floors have been re-laid, and all the wood-work has been painted. In addition to all this, a good many smaller charges have been made—all requiring time, labour and expense. The entire cost will exceed six thousand five hundred dollars. We are sorry that so much has been required, but feel confident that we have done the best we could. It is comforting to know that, great as the cost is, it does not exceed a few years' rent of the establishment. Nor is this all. If we had to depend on rented property, it would be impossible to secure as many advantages as we now enjoy.

The attention required by this work occupies a large portion of our time and energies, so that other things could not receive as much care as they deserved, although no part of the regular mission work was entirely neglected. Through long-continued labour and excitement, Mr. Lansing's strength was over-taxed, and by the first of August he was entirely prostrated. But of this the Board has had full information. On the failure of Mr. Lansing's health, it was concluded that, much as Mr. Hogg was needed in Alexandria, it would be impossible for us to successfully carry on the various departments of our rapidly increasing work in this field without him—and since that time he has been labouring in this place.

Boys' School.—When this school was transferred to the new rooms, the attendance did not exceed sixty. It was not long, however, until we had more than two hundred names enrolled. This excited the jealousy of the leading Copts, and they made their utmost efforts to prevent the parents from sending their children, and were successful for a few days. But the boys soon began to return, and the number again went up, and is now one hundred and ninety. Of these, one hundred and thirty are Copts, thirty Moslems, and the remaining thirty are Greeks, Syrians, and others. The first hour of each day is spent in reading and explaining the Scriptures, reciting the Catechism, and prayer. Reading, writing and grammar are daily taught in Arabic. English, Italian and French, Arithmetic, Geography and Music, in Arabic.

Girls' School—City.—During the year, two hundred and fifty names have been enrolled. Of these, twenty-one have been Moslems, eight Syrian, (Greek as to religion,) seven Maltese—Roman Catholics, one German, also Roman Catholic, and one Jewess. The remainder have been Coptic girls. The daily attendance has ranged from seventy to ninety-five. Scripture lessons have been daily committed, and the Shorter and Brown's Catechisms regularly learned. At present, thirty-seven girls read in the New Testament, and the remainder have simple reading-lessons and the Alphabet. Nearly sixty girls write, and have lessons in oral and written Arithmetic. The afternoon of each day is spent in sewing, knitting, and embroidery, with an exercise of Scripture lessons and singing at the close. Five of the older girls have been promoted to teachers and monitresses, and give promise of becoming valuable assistants. The Sabbath School attendance has varied from thirty to fifty.

Girls' School—Harett Es Sakkieen.—The quarter in which this school is located is so distant from our premises, that we thought it not advisable to attempt to unite it with the other school. It also serves as a centre for a number of our members and adherents who live in that part of the city. As in the other school, the girls are taught reading, writing, arithmetic, catechism, native embroidery, sewing and knitting. During the month of December there were sixty-nine names on the roll, with an average attendance of fifty. Of this number, thirty-two are reading, writing, and studying arithmetic. The remainder are learning the Alphabet and forming syllables. With the exception of one Moslem, all the girls in this school are Copts.

Religious Services.—Two services in Arabic have been held every Sabbath during most of the year, with an average attendance of fifty males and forty females. We also have a weekly prayer-meeting, but latterly it has been conducted more particularly for the benefit of the children of the two schools, all of whom attend. The attendance, however, is not confined to the pupils. The Lord's Supper has been administered three times, and *twenty-four* members have been received.

During the winter months we have preaching in English, but the audiences are usually small.

Book Depot.—Our sales have fallen a little short of what they were last year, but we have still been able to accomplish a good deal in this department, and trust that the seed thus sown will yet bring forth an abundant harvest.

Including Bibles, Testaments and Psalms, we have sold one thousand and ninety copies. Nearly all of these have been in the Arabic language.

The amount realized from sales of Scriptures has been.....	$335 00
" " Miscellaneous books.....	270 00
Making a total of.....	$605 00

From these facts it appears that, in addition to what is accomplished by the distribution of Scriptures and constant intercourse with the people, we have in our schools in this city alone an average daily attendance of not less than two hundred and eighty pupils. These are gathered from all classes of the community, and from various sects, and here learn to unite their voices in songs of praise to the Triune God—are taught to read His Word, and to call upon his name in prayer.

Religion is not taught incidentally merely, but while we do all we can to give secular instruction to those under our care, it is our first object to instill into their youthful minds the pure principles of the gospel. And it is gratifying to find that many of them are not only willing, but even anxious to be taught the precious truths of the word of life.

Our accessions during the year may not be large, compared with what sometimes takes place at home—but when we consider that in the midst of much darkness and superstition, and error, and in the face of strong opposition, no less than twenty-four have made a credible profession, we thank God and take courage. Some of these have been called to endure persecution, and all of them have been more or less opposed by their friends. Yet, in view of all this, they have witnessed for the truth, and give evidence that they have felt the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

We are also encouraged to persevere in our efforts in the schools by the consideration that seven of those who have recently connected with us have been trained in our own school, and two more have embraced the truth while employed as assistant teachers. We trust that He who has begun a good work in them will not only perform it until the day of Jesus Christ, but will also add unto their number daily of such as shall be saved.

UPPER NILE MISSION.

In prosecution of the work in the upper country, two missionary voyages as far as Assouan have been performed during the past year. The first one was by Brother Hogg, who, in accordance with the resolution of Presbytery at its last meeting, left Cairo, accompanied by Abdallah Wesa, on March 1st, and was absent until the 8th of May. On this voyage, sixty-three villages and large towns were visited, in forty of which Scriptures and religious books were sold. The number of volumes sold was 430, and the proceeds of sales $115—viz.: $65 for Scriptures, and $50 for other religious books. "We had (says Mr. Hogg in his report) opportunities of reading and preaching the word in fifty-seven villages, besides regular Sabbath services on board the *Ibis.*"

The second trip was undertaken by Mr. Lansing, on October 7th. The number of volumes sold on this trip was 501, of which 261 were copies of the whole or parts of the Bible, and the receipts from sales, including some items of sales by our agents in Ghinneh and Erment, was $135. These statistics show a desire for the werd of God and religious books which, so far as we know, is unparalleled in our day—and, what makes it more remarkable, is that, notwithstanding the vast number of books which

have been sold the last four years, the demand, instead of being satisfied, seems to increase. The subject may, perhaps, be more clearly seen by those at a distance by casting the figures of the last trip into a different shape—thus: Leaving out the Sabbath, thirty working days were left. In these thirty days, one thousand and eighty miles were sailed, (not by steam, but by wind and oar,) and, besides all the time thus consumed, sixteen volumes were sold per day, at an average price of twenty-four cents per volume. Had book-selling been the sole object of the trip, and but for several drawbacks, which need not be mentioned, these figures would have been much higher.

We have now five agents who sell books for us in the upper country. One of these is our school-master at Benisouef. Two of the others do the work gratuitously, and the remaining two receive fifteen per cent. on their sales, which is paid by the British and Foreign Bible Society, so that these agents are no expense to the Mission.

Prudential reasons led, in the former part of the year, to the closing of the school at Osiout. One of these reasons was the continued opposition of the native school-masters and priests. It is now evident that this opposition has been for the most part withdrawn, and that the people desire us to resume the school—and this we recommend as soon as a suitable teacher can be found.

The school at Benisouef has prospered throughout the year—the average attendance being about twenty-four. About three months ago a number of the parents of the children came to the teacher, Abrahim Yusef, and asked him according to what form he worshipped God. He told them that if they would attend at the school room the next Sabbath morning, he would show them. They came, and he read and expounded a chapter, and prayed with them—and this he has continued ever since, with an audience of from fifteen to twenty-eight adults. He also took the opportunity of a short vacation in the school to visit the Fayoum, where he sold a large number of books, and found a Protestant community who worship God according to the new way. One of the leaders in this movement is Priest Makar, the nephew of the Bishop.

The work in Upper Egypt has now reached that stage of advancement that new and more efficient measures are called for. It is a sweeping assertion, but one that is supported by numerous and very conclusive facts, that a whole church is here being leavened by the truth. A nation—and it one of the most interesting in the world for its antiquity and associations, is awaking, after a sleep of ages, to a new life. We are few in number, and our means are limited. What are we among these thousands? What can we do? We need not speak of things desirable, but impracticable. The three following measures *are* practicable—and we urge their immediate adoption:

1st. The American Bible Society having offered to support a colporteur to be employed the whole of his time in visiting and supplying with Scriptures the whole land, it will be necessary that a small boat be purchased or built for his use. There are two objections to the Ibis for this work. 1st. She is too large to sail upon the canals and smaller branches of the Nile, and upon these there is a large population which as yet has only been very partially visited. 2d. As the Ibis requires ten men to man her, the expense is too heavy for a constant work. In visiting the villages we usually find that after the business of selling is closed, the people gather around us to hear the word read and expounded, and to ask questions. It is delightful to see how the people will frequently cast aside all other business during the visit of the missionary, and give themselves to the hearing of the word. But time presses. The wages of the boatmen are running on, and the missionary feels that he must go, though it often is a painful process of tearing himself away from a people who insist on keeping him a week or a month, and who protest that they cannot understand this American haste. In the proposed small boat but two men and a boy will be needed, at an expense of but ten or twelve dollars per month, and thus time can be taken and the work thoroughly done. We have now at our command four of our native agents, any one of whom is qualified for this work, and can be depended upon not only as colporteurs, but as efficient evangelists; and as the wages of the agent employed will be paid by the American Bible Society, and the incidental expenses of the work will be covered by the per centage allowed us by the British and Foreign Bible Society, on all books sold for them, the sole expense of this enterprise to our Board will be that incurred in setting it afloat, viz., the purchase and fitting up of the boat. This, it is estimated, will be about three hundred and fifty dollars; and a Christian friend in Alexandria has begged the privilege of being responsible for half the amount.

2d. God has blessed our work. In many villages we find that there is now a nucleus of earnest Bible readers, who are in different stages of Protestant enlightenment, and who are calling for the living teacher. Their eyes would behold their teachers. One of the most hopeful features of this new movement, is that it includes many of the priests. In several places priests and people have met and removed the images from the churches, and instituted other reforms. But these priests are, for the most part, ignorant, simple-minded men. Though obedient to the faith them-

selves, they need training before they can become teachers of the people; and they must be specially trained for the pastoral work, for these rising or reforming churches cannot be furnished with pastors from a foreign land. What we propose and urge is, that a number (say a dozen) of the choice of these young priests who have shown Protestant tendencies, be taken to our school in Cairo, and there receive as thorough a training as may be in systematic and pastoral theology and church history for a space of two years, and then be sent back again to their native villages, where we are confident they will, in many cases, find a people much more ready to support them in their work than at present. Many arguments might be advanced in support of this scheme, but we think it one which will at once commend itself to all thinking minds. In connexion with this class, a few young men, who are the sons of our schools, and who are looking forward to the ministry, could be taught not only in this theological course, but receive in the literary department of our school a more thorough and extended secular training. But the priests of the Coptic church, like the people, are for the most part a poverty-stricken race. It is one of their highest commendations that they are so, and not rolling in wealth, as are the priests of most of the corrupt churches of the East. They must be supported while here in the school. They will be content with the barest subsistence; and, with the supplies which some of them will receive from their native villages, we estimate that the cost of them while here will average fifty dollars each per annum.

The third measure which we have to propose, is that something be at once done in the way of meeting the immense demand, to which we have already alluded, for a Christian literature. There are now thousands in Egypt who possess, or have read, most or all of the religious publications of the Beirut press, and who are constantly asking for something new. The appetite of this people is for a solid evangelical literature, and they ask with special earnestness for commentaries on the holy Scriptures. The Beirut press has for the last few years been mostly absorbed in the work of printing editions of the new translation of the Scriptures. The brethren there have not had time nor strength to write and edit, nor means to publish the works which are here demanded. We believe that the time has come for us to undertake this work, and we ask an appropriation of five hundred dollars to commence it. This department, thus set on foot, would ere long support itself by the proceeds of sales.

As God has set before us a wide and effectual door in this land, so may He grant the wisdom to devise, and the will and power to do, and to his name be all the praise.

By order of Presbytery. S. C. Ewing, *Stated Clerk.*

Cairo, Egypt, April 2d, 1863.

Frankfort.—June 10th, 1862, received William M. Richie (probationer) on certificate, from the Presbytery of Mansfield. August 12th, 1863, Samuel H. Graham, after having undergone the prescribed trials, to the satisfaction of Presbytery, was ordained to the ministry, and installed pastor of the United Presbyterian congregation of Burgettstown. September 11th, 1862, William M. Richie, after the usual trials, was ordained to the work of the holy ministry, and installed pastor of Hanover congregation. J. L. Whitla (probationer) was granted a certificate to unite with a sister Presbytery. February 10th, 1863, at a *pro re nata* meeting, the Assembly's overtures were overtured to the Sessions under our care. April 14th, 1863, James Witherspoon (probationer) accepted a call from Raccoon and Scottsville, and we expect to ordain and install him as soon as practicable. In these times of trouble, labour and sorrow, we are cheered to know that, to us, troubles will have an end. On the 17th of December, 1862, Rev. W. L. Wilson was removed by death. In all our congregations, there are a few who make decided opposition to the church and the truth. These things are necessary. (1 Cor. ii. 19.) The accessions are about equal to that of other years. The piety of our ministers and people is perhaps not so emotional as in '58 and '59, but more of the intellectual, doctrinal, muscular type. Preaching, prayer-meetings, Sabbath-schools, and missionary operations, attract usual attention, and seem to do the ordinary amount of good. Devotional week was observed throughout our bounds. Our vacant congregations are about to be all settled shortly. *Overtures.*—Our vote on the overtures of last year, is as follows:—1st overture, ayes, 17; nays, 0. 2d overture, ayes, 14; nays, 3. 3d overture, ayes, 7, nays, 10. 4th overture, ayes, 17; nays, 0. 5th overture, ayes, 16; non liquet, 1. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—*Resolved*, That we recommend, that the General Assembly should not abolish any Seminary now existing, unless requested by two-thirds of the Synod in whose bounds the Seminary is located. Our contributions to the Boards, will be over $1200. J. M. Donaldson is our only probationer, and will be at your disposal. J. G. Rankin, *Mod.* J. C. Campbell, *Clerk.*

Indiana.—We have no matters of importance to report at this meeting. to your venerable body. The health of our ministers is generally good. Our settled congre-

gations are in a healthy condition. The state of religion will compare favourably with that of last year. Respecting the three theological students who were under our care, two are still in the Army of the Potomac, viz., Messrs, Reid and Bloss. The third, Benjamin F. Simpson, fell in the battle of Murfreesboro, fighting under the flag of his country. He was a young man of talent and promise. He died in a noble cause, and has, we trust, received, ere this, the Christian's gracious reward.

J. F. Hutchison, *Mod.*
J. R. Walker, *Clerk.*

Southern Indiana.—At our meeting at Princeton, last October, we received Rev. James T. Torrence on certificate, from the Presbytery of Cleveland. A congregation has been organized at Santa Fee, Spencer Co., Indiana, composed of seven families and nine members. The moderation of a call has been granted to Portland, and Rev. Alexander R. Rankin chosen by that people, as their pastor. The congregation of Eden, without preaching for some years, has been revived, and gives promise of a vigorous growth and useful future. The state of religion within our bounds, is encouraging. The following is the vote of the Presbytery on the overtures:—1st. Book of Discipline, yeas, 10; nays, 0; not voting, 1. 2d. Appellate power of the General Assembly in cases of discipline, as well as of doctrine, (votes not counted; but *one* negative vote.) 3d. On cases transferred to a higher court, yeas, 9: nays, 1; not voting, 1. 4th. Admission of ministers, ay, unanimous. 5th. Assembly establishing and regulating the Theological Seminaries of the Church, ay, unanimous. Respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery.

J. L. Craig, *Clerk.*

Kansas —The missionaries appointed to this Presbytery for the year past, have all been in their respective fields, except Mr. Wylie, who never appeared, nor gave us any account of himself. The only items of general interest transacted during the past year, are as follows: The organization of a church in Shawnee County, called Bethel, with 14 members; also the organization of a church in Johnston County, called Black Jack, with 11 members; also the organization of a church in Pottawattomie County, called Cedar, with 23 members. A petition from Leavenworth church, asking for the moderation of a call, was granted; call to be moderated on the 12th of May, by Rev. T. D. Davis As to the state of religion in our bounds, we have had no special revivings of the Spirit among our people during the year. There has been an increased liberality with our people, in support of the gospel, and the various Boards of the Church. This, in part, arises from the fact, that the Presbytery has adopted a systematic plan of beneficence for our people; and its operations have been favourable. Sabbath-schools and prayer-meetings are generally maintained, and with encouraging interest. The worship of God in families, appears to be very generally observed: and we are not without some tokens of the divine favour: some have been added to the Church from the world. Yet we have reason to cry with the prophet—"Who hath believed our report?" On the overtures of the Assembly to Presbytery, the vote stands as follows, on the various points:—1st. In relation to the admission of ministers or licentiates from other churches, yeas, 8; nays, 0. 2d. Shall the General Assembly have the power, &c., over Theological Seminaries of the Church, yeas, 5; nays, 3. 3d. Amendment to Book II., chap. xii., sec. 2d, yeas, 5; nays, 3. 4th. Giving appellate power, in cases of discipline, to the General Assembly, yea, 1; nays, 7. 5th. Form of government and discipline, as amended, yeas, 8; nay, 0. A statistical table accompanies this report. All of which is respectfully submitted. By order of the Presbytery.

J. N. Smith, *Mod.*
B. L. Baldridge, *Clerk.*

Keokuk.—As a Presbytery, we have great reason for thankfulness to God, that though some of our ministerial members have been visited with sickness, yet the lives of all have been mercifully spared. Whilst we have to lament that coldness and formality prevail to some extent, and the minds of our people are occupied greatly about the present sad state of our country, yet the reports of Sessions indicate some degree of spiritual prosperity. The ordinances have been regularly dispensed, and with some tokens of the divine blessing. Most of our congregations are increasing in numbers, and the attendance upon ordinances is commendable, though we have no great awakening to report. The following changes have taken place in the Presbytery, during the past year:—Rev. R. N. Fee has been granted testimonials to connect with a sister Presbytery. At our meeting in Morning Sun, June 24th, 1862, Mr. T. A. Sanson was received on certificate, from the Presbytery of Albany, and was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and installed pastor of the congregation of Morning Sun. Mr. J. H. Walker, on the 20th of August, 1862, and Messrs. G. G. Mitchell and W. H. M'Millan, at our meeting in April, 1863, were licensed to preach the everlasting gospel. Rev. J. N. Pressly was received in August last, on certificate, from the Presbytery of Des Moines. At the same meeting, Mr. J. G. Couden was admitted to the study of theology. In December last, Rev. J. P. Chambers was released from the pastoral charge of Middletown congregation. Rev. W. H. Wilson has been employed,

during the past year, as chaplain in the army. A separate report on the overtures, and a corrected statistical table, accompany this report. Respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery. S. F. VANATTA, *Clerk pro tem.*

LAKE.—At a meeting on the 5th and 6th inst., action was had on the various overtures. Of twenty-four members, thirteen were absent. The vote is as follows, viz.: 1st. Form of government and discipline, yeas, 2; nays, 9. 2d. Concerning the appellate power of the General Assembly, yeas 3; nays, 8. 3d. Concerning cases transferred to a superior court, yea, 0; nays, 11. 4th. Concerning the admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches, yeas, 10; nay, 1. 5th. Concerning the Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries, yeas, 2; nay, 8; silent, 1. The congregations under our care, report, that their pastors are labouring faithfully; that the public ordinances are well attended; and that, generally, Sabbath-schools and prayer-meetings are sustained with a degree of interest. We are not authorized, however, to represent that there has been any special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is felt that there is occasion for the prayer—"Wilt thou not revive us again?" Rev. John W. Pinkerton was received, on certificate, from Bloomington Presbytery, September 3d, 1862. Mr. J. A. Baily has accepted calls from Georgetown and New Vernon, and will be ordained and installed at an early day. Messrs. Leonard Proudfit, A. S. Abbey, and S. C. Hubbell, are under our care as students of theology.

By order of Presbytery. H. H. THOMPSON, *Mod.*
J. H. PRESSLY, *Clerk.*

LE CLAIRE.—The following are the principal items of business transacted during the past year:—The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. M. Claybaugh and the congregation of Iowa City, was dissolved, and Brother Claybaugh granted a certificate to connect with a sister Presbytery. A certificate was granted to Rev. J. R. M'Calister, to connect with the Presbytery of Monmouth. A congregation was organized at Cascade, with 33 members, called the United Presbyterian congregation of Cascade; and another congregation was received under our care, from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, (N. S) called the United Presbyterian congregation of Clarence. Four calls have been moderated: at Kingston, for the one-half time of Rev. J. M. Herron; at Wyoming and Clarence, for Rev. L. I. Crawford; at Cascade, for Rev. James Sawhill; and at Fairfax, for Rev. G P. Raitt. The state of religion within our bounds, is not as favourable as we could wish, yet we have encouraging features of a more lively hope, and generally our congregations and vacancies give evidence that true and vital godliness is on the increase. With these evidences we labour, believing that God will build up our beloved Zion. Our report on overtures from the Assembly, will be found in accompanying papers. COMMITTEE.

MANSFIELD.—Since our last report, a call has been made by the united charge of Millersburgh and Dalton, for the ministerial labours of Rev. William M'Gibson, which was by him accepted. He has been installed, and is now labouring in that charge. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. L. M'Lain and the united charge of Chesterville, Sulphur Spring, and Alum Creek, has been dissolved, and he has been dismissed, to connect with the Presbytery of Monmouth. The congregation of Ashland has been added to the charge of Rev. D. Paul. A call has been made by the congregation of Auburn, for a part of the labours of Rev. D. W. Collins; the call has been sustained, but an opportunity has not yet occurred to present it to the candidate. Rev. J. W. M'Farland has been labouring, for most part of the year, as chaplain in the army, leaving the congregation of Wooster to be supplied.

State of Religion.—The distracted condition of our country has doubtless diverted the attention of some among us, from the subject of religion; while we have reason to believe, that the same cause has drawn many to trust more firmly in the grace of God, seek communion with him, and devote themselves more unreservedly to his service. Many of our families have given their sons and brothers to "jeopard their lives on the high places of the field." *Piety* bears them to the "mercy-seat," *faith* is invigorated, and the soul becomes more and more familiar with Him who is upon the Throne of Grace. We have reason to believe, that the *piety* of the *pious* is of a higher order than formerly, though the wickedness of the wicked may also be more distinctly marked. Attendance upon the ordinances has, we think, been as good as formerly; and our contributions to the several Boards, will compare favourably with past years. The state of religion in our bounds, we think, is upon the whole encouraging.

Overtures.—The vote on the subjects overtured by the last General Assembly, stands as follows:—1st. On the form of government and discipline, yeas, 10; nays, 0. 2d. Concerning the appellate power of the Assembly, yeas, 9; nay, 1. 3d. Concerning cases transferred to a superior court, &c, yeas, 10; nay, 1. 4th. Concerning the admission of ministers, &c., yeas, 11; nays, 0. 5th. Concerning the power of General Assembly over Theological Seminaries, yeas, 11; nays, 0.

Respectfully submitted. J. Y. ASHENHUST, S. M. HUTCHINSON. } *Com.*

MERCER.—While nothing of special interest to the Church, has transpired in our bounds during the past year, yet there has been nothing peculiarly discouraging.

On the 24th of August, 1862, Mr. John Lackey was admitted as a student of theology.

A call from the congregation of Springfield, on Mr. J. G. M'Kee, for two-thirds of his time, was sustained by Presbytery.

The Presbytery would respectfully urge upon the Assembly, the importance of taking immediate action for sending missionaries to the freedmen of the South.

On the overtures from the General Assembly to the inferior courts the vote of Presbytery stands as follows:—1st. In favour of adopting the Book of Discipline as amended, yeas, 20; nays, 0. 2d. In favour of giving the General Assembly power to decide in cases of discipline, yeas, 17; nays, 4. 3d. Against the amendment proposed to Book II., chap. xii., sec. 2, yeas, 2; nays, 19. 4th. In favour of adopting the "regulation" for the admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches, subjecting those admitted from foreign churches, to a probation, &c., yeas, 23; nays, 0. 5th. In favour of giving the General Assembly power to erect and regulate Theological Seminaries, yeas, 23; nays, 0.

There are two probationers connected with this Presbytery—Messrs. J. G. M'Kee and L. Crawford. S. ALEXANDER, *Clerk.*

MICHIGAN.—During the year, the lives and health of all our ministers have been spared, and their labours have, we trust, to a good degree, been accompanied with the Divine blessing. Peace prevails, to a good degree, throughout our congregations; yet the excitement prevailing throughout our country, has had the effect of marring the peace and prosperity of the church in a few places. Yet, withal, we have reason to believe, that the cause of Christ is still on the advance.

The following items of business of a public interest, have been transacted by Presbytery:

Mr. W. H. Blair was received, on certificate, as a probationer from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Rev. J. P. Wright has been installed pastor of the Bethsaida congregation.

Mr. W. C. Dunn, a student of theology of the third year, was received, on certificate, from the Presbytery of Mercer, and has been by us licensed to preach the everlasting gospel.

Rev. S. C. Baldridge having accepted a call from the congregation of Sharon, arrangements have been made for his installation at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. W. H. Blair having accepted a call from the congregation of Centreville, has been by us ordained, and arrangements are made for his installation at an early day.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Wellington Wright and the Lafayette congregation, and between Rev. David Morrow and the Warren branch of his charge, has been dissolved, and these congregations placed upon our list of vacancies.

The following is the vote on the matters in overture:—1st. On adopting the Book of Church Government and Discipline, yeas, 4; nays, 1; excused, 5. 2d. Appellate power of the General Assembly, ayes, 5; nays, 2; excused, 2. 3d. Transferred cases to a superior court, ayes, 4; nays, 4; excused, 2. 4th. Admission of ministers from other churches, ayes, 8; nays, 0; excused, 1. 5th. Assembly's control of Theological Seminaries, aye, 0; nays, 8; excused, 1. DAVID MORROW, *Clerk.*

MONMOUTH.—Since our last report, we have received D. B. Jones from the Presbytery of Chicago, J. R. M'Calister from the Presbytery of Le Claire, Jas. M'Neal from the Congregational Conference of Marietta, Ohio, and John A. Reynolds, probationer, from the 1st Presbytery of Ohio. We have received S. N. Moore and S. J. Bogle as students of the second year; the former on examination, the latter from the Presbytery of Muskingum. We have furnished certificates of dismission to the following probationers:—Joseph A. Morrow and N. Harvey Brown, to the Presbytery of Chicago, and W. H. Blair to the Presbytery of Michigan. We have organized the Second United Presbyterian congregation of Monmouth. We have installed J. R. M'Calister pastor of the congregations of Aledo and Viola: and ordained and installed Henry Wallace pastor of the congregations of Rock Island and Davenport.

Alexander Young and David A. Wallace have accepted a call to become the pastors of the 2d congregation of Monmouth; Charles Thompson, a call from the congregations of Olena and Oquawka; and John A. Reynolds, a call from the congregation of Cedar Creek.

We have ordained J. C. Hutchison to the work of the ministry. We have licensed S. J. Bogle, J. H. Brown, J. L. Fulton, Daniel Harris, and S. N. Moore, to preach the gospel. We have dissolved the pastoral relation between W. H. Buchanan and the congregation of Fountain Green; between J. C. Porter and the congregation of Cedar Creek; and between Alexander Young and the 1st congregation of Monmouth. We

have received a call for D. G. Bradford, from the 1st congregation of Monmouth, and forwarded it to the Presbytery of Allegheny.

In regard to the state of religion, we report as follows:—During the past year, sixty-six persons have been admitted to the membership of the church by examination; and twenty-three adults have been baptized. There are twenty-five Sabbath-schools in the Presbytery, and forty-seven weekly prayer-meetings. The sum of four thousand, nine hundred dollars has been contributed to the several Boards and funds of the church, and other benevolent objects. In regard to the spiritual condition of the congregations within our bounds, there is a diversity of statements made in the reports. In two cases, precious revivals have been experienced; in four cases, the condition is encouraging; in seven cases, not so encouraging as would be desirable; and in three cases, the interest manifested is very discouraging; while six congregations make no report on the subject. While, therefore, there are some things presented in the reports of our congregations discouraging in their character, yet, taking into consideration the increase in membership reported, the number of prayer-meetings and Sabbath-schools, and the attendance upon them and the public ordinances, and the general liberality in contributing to the funds of the church, we believe that we have abundant reason to thank God and take courage.

The following is the vote of this Presbytery on the subjects overtured by the last General Assembly:—1st. On the form of government and discipline, ayes, 28; nays, 0. 2d. On the appellate power of the General Assembly in cases of discipline, yeas, 9; nays, 13. 3d. On the proposed amendment in relation to cases transferred to a superior court, yeas, 3; nays, 15. 4th. On the overture concerning the admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches, yeas, 20; nays, 0. 5th. On the overture concerning the Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries, yeas, 0; nays, 20.

As expressive of their views in relation to the control of Theological Seminaries by the General Assembly, and in relation to the ordination of ruling elders, the Presbytery adopted the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we concede to the Assembly the general superintending power competent to make such regulations as are suggested in the report on Theological Seminaries now on the table of the Assembly.

2. *Resolved*, That, in our judgment, it ought not to be made obligatory to ordain elders by the laying on of the hands of the Session, at least until the question has been submitted in overture to the Presbyteries.

By order of Presbytery. J. A. P. M'Gaw, *Clerk.*

Monongahela.—The pastoral relations in all the congregations under our care, are unchanged since last year, and a good degree of interest in spiritual things, is manifested among our people. Rev. C. T. M'Caughan was, on Sept. 30th, 1862, received, on certificate, from the Presbytery of Sydney. Certificates of standing have been issued to the following persons, viz.:—September 30th, 1862, Mr. D. M. Ure, to the Presbytery of Argyle; September 30th, 1862, Mr. John S. M'Connell, to the Presbytery of Cleveland; December 30th, 1862, Rev. J. D. Glenn, to the Presbytery of Allegheny. Messrs. J. R. Kerr and T. S. Park were, on the 15th of April, licensed as probationers for the holy ministry. Messrs. J. S. Hawk, W. B. Hamilton, A. M. White, and Wallace Radcliff, have been taken under care of Presbytery as students of theology. Reports on the overtures from the General Assembly, and a statistical table, accompany this report. Respectfully submitted. W. H. Andrew, *S. Clerk.*

Muskingum.—Again have we occasion to record the goodness of God, as manifested toward us during the past year. Our lives have been mercifully spared, and health and strength have been given to us to labour in the vineyard of the Lord.

The following items of business, transacted since your last meeting, we lay before you:

Dismissal.—October 22d, Mr. S. J. Bogle, student of theology, was dismissed to connect with the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Receptions.—October 22d, Messrs. William A. Findley, Samuel W. Lorimer, and John S. Speer, were received under the care of Presbytery as students of theology. Rev. G. W. Gowdy was received, on certificate, from the Presbytery of Xenia, at our meeting on the 30th of December.

Licensure.—April 22d, 1863, Mr. J. R. Reasoner was licensed to preach the gospel.

Ordination and Installation.—On the 18th of June, Mr. J. H. Buchanan was ordained to the office of the gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the congregations of Thornville and Rush Creek. August 19th, Rev. Sample Ramsey was installed pastor of the congregation of East Union. April 22d, 1863, Rev. G. W. Gowdy was installed pastor of the congregation of Fairview.

New Organization.—April 22d, a petition for the organization of a congregation in Norwich, was granted, and arrangements are made for completing the organization at an early day.

Overtures.—On the several overtures sent down by the last Assembly, the vote of Presbytery stands as follows:—1st. Form of government and discipline as amended, yeas, 17; nays, 2. 2d. Concerning the appellate power of the Assembly, yeas, 18; nays, 1. 3d. Concerning cases transferred to a superior court, yeas, 11; nays, 5. 4th. Concerning the admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches, yeas, 18; nays, 1. 5th. Concerning the Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries, yeas, 15; nays, 4.

The Presbytery would call the attention of the Assembly to the following resolution, adopted at our meeting on the 30th of December:

Resolved, That we request the next General Assembly to pass a resolution, requiring the Presbyteries to furnish the Sixth General Assembly with full statistics of all the Sabbath-schools of the United Presbyterian Church, so that they may be published in the Minutes of that Assembly.

In reference to the state of religion, we have nothing special to report.

As a Presbytery, we feel something of the agitation that is shaking both Church and State. Yet we cannot see but our congregations, in general, are in as prosperous a condition as they have been in years past. With the exception of a few small vacancies, our churches now enjoy the regular dispensation of word and ordinances by settled pastors. During the past year, we adopted the plan of holding visitation meetings in the congregations under our care, and we have already encouragement to hope, that it will be productive of much good.

And now, that you may be directed by the King and Head of the Church, in the discharge of the important trusts committed to you, is the earnest prayer of your brethren in Christ. By order of Presbytery. WM. JOHNSTON, *Clerk.*

FIRST PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.—The First Presbytery of New York, would respectfully report, that with the exception of one change of pastoral relation, nothing of much importance has occurred among us during the last year.

The following are submitted as items of principal importance.

1. *The State of Religion.*—With regard to the state of religion, Presbytery has but little to report. While there has been no marked revival of religion in our bounds, yet attendance upon the ordinances of grace has been on the increase.

Sabbath Schools have been maintained in all our congregations, and Bible classes also, with perhaps a single exception. Prayer meetings also are generally in an encouraging condition.

2. *Changes.*—On the 1st day of April, 1863, the pastoral relation of Rev. Samuel C. Marshall to the 1st United Presbyterian Congregation of Hoboken, N. J., was dissolved.

3. *Overtures.*—On the overtures of General Assembly, Presbytery reports the following decisions, on the following questions:

1st. "Shall the General Assembly have appellate jurisdiction in cases of discipline as well as in doctrinal matters?" was decided in the negative, by a vote of four in favour and seven against.

2d. "Shall the members of subordinate courts have a right to sit, deliberate and vote in superior courts, (except in cases of declinature,) in regard to matters which have been carried up from the former to the latter?" was decided in the affirmative, by a vote of nine in favour, and two against.

3d. "Shall the proposed regulations regarding the admission and settlement of ministers and licentiates from other denominations and foreign churches be adopted?" was decided in the affirmative, by a vote of eleven, being unanimous.

4th. "Shall the General Assembly have the power of establishing and controlling the Theological Seminaries of the Church?" was decided in the negative, by a vote of three in favour, and eight against.

5th. "Shall the amended Book of Discipline be adopted?" was decided in the affirmative, by a vote of eleven in favour, being unanimous.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery,

JAMES HARPER, *Moderator.*

New York, April 1st, 1863. J. A. MCGILL, *Clerk.*

SECOND PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.—The Second Presbytery of New York, would respectfully report, That on the 17th of July, 1862, Rev. James T. Wilson was installed as pastor of the 1st Church, Brooklyn, E D; that on the 24th of September, 1862, Rev. D. Donnan was released from the pastoral charge of the Newark Congregation; that at our meeting in November, Rev. M. B. Williams was received by certificate and his name added to our roll: that about the middle of June, 1862, Presbytery opened a mission station in Jersey City, and on the 15th of last October, said station was regularly organized as the United Presbyterian Congregation of Jersey City. For said congregation we would ask the fostering care of the Board of Home Missions; that Philip Y. Smith has been pursuing his Theological studies during

the year with commendable zeal and marked improvement; that, the lives of all our ministers have been spared, that the vacancies under our care have been regularly supplied with both the preaching of the word and the dispensation of the sacraments. That our congregations, settled and vacant, appear to realize in some good degree, the importance of the gospel offer, and the unspeakable benefits arising from a true belief in, and a hearty acceptance of the Saviour revealed in the Bible; that the congregations under our care have manifested a good degree of liberality in their contributions for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, both at home and abroad; that this Presbytery mourn over the unhappy condition of our country in the continuance of this unrighteous civil war, while at the same time we continue most heartily to encourage and sustain our armies in their work of danger and death, for the maintenance of constitutional law, liberty, and justice, and do earnestly pray the most High God in infinite mercy to remember the wide-spread family of the afflicted, the destitute and dying, throughout our whole land, and especially throughout our beloved Zion.

D. J. Patterson, *Moderator.*
D. Donnan, *Clerk.*

First Presbytery of Ohio.—At our meeting in Oxford, October 8th, 1862, Rev. James Welch demitted his pastoral charge of the Congregation of Unity. M. J. A. Reynolds was granted a certificate to connect with the Presbytery of Monmouth.

At our meeting in Dayton, January 13th, 1863, Mr. James Davis was received under our care as a student of Theology of the first year.

At our meeting in the Mission Church, Cincinnati, April 7th, 1863, Presbytery voted on the several overtures of the Assembly with the following result: 1st. On the adoption of the Book of Discipline, ayes, 3, nays, 13, not voting, 4. 2d. With reference to the appellate power of the General Assembly in cases of discipline, Aye, 1, nays, 18, not voting, 2. 3d. As to the right of the members of an inferior judicatory to vote in a superior judicatory on a matter transferred from an inferior to a superior judicatory. Ayes, 12, nays, 5. 4th. With reference to the rule of the Synod of New York, in regard to ministers from foreign churches. Ayes, 21, nays, 2. 5th. On giving the General Assembly control of Theological Seminaries, &c. Aye, 0, nays, 17, excused, 4. On the state of religion we have nothing special to report, we have experienced no remarkable revival of religion within our bounds, but still we believe there is at least the ordinary interest in spiritual things among us, and, the usual accessions to our various congregations.

Many of our brave young men are absent fighting the battles of their country,—some have fallen at the post of duty—families and congregations have been greatly bereaved, yet still there does not appear to be that earnest calling upon God and deep humility which ought to exist in these calamitous times.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Presbytery,

R. H. Pollock, *Moderator.*
J. S. Robertson, *Clerk.*

Oregon.—Fathers and Brethren, our Sovereign Saviour has not been pleased during the past year, to gladden us with opening rivers in these moral deserts, nor have we consequently exhibited that earnestness, and vigour and zeal, indicative of an elevated moral and spiritual life. But while there is some evidence of coldness among us, the cultivation of social religion in families, the correct external deportment of individuals, the attendance on sanctuary services give evidence that although the kingdom of Heaven is not taken by violence by many, yet there are those who would rather their tongues should cleave to the roof of their mouth than that they would not prefer Jerusalem to their chief joy.

While we sympathize with our dear brethren, in the Atlantic States, in the midst of whom the angel of death has been passing in solemn and awful destruction, we invite you to join us in gratitude and thankfulness to the great Redeemer, that the sun of peace and material prosperity still shines on this far off Pacific coast. Thanks to the Giver of these mercies. May they still be enduring, and may Jesus, the great Head of the people, soon finish the pleadings of this terrible controversy with our afflicted country—and with slavery, and its accursed kindred institutions blotted out—give us back the peace and prosperity we have been wont to enjoy!

Since our last report to you, Rev. James Worth has been regularly installed as Pastor of the congregation of Union Point, over which our deceased Brother Rev. Wilson Blain, formerly presided—Rev. J. M. Dick has been labouring in Chiastin congregation—Rev. S. G. Irvine at Wylammette and Albany. Rev. J. E. Hannon has been employed in itinerating, both in Oregon and Washington Territory, labouring at different points, as his health—which latterly has been quite precarious—has permitted.—Rev. S. D. Gager has been for some time stationed at Eugene City. Rev. T. S. Kendall has been labouring at Kendall's Bridge and Harmony.

From the above statement in connexion with our statistical report, you might in-

fer that our ministerial corps would be sufficient for supplying the wants of the entire grounds occupied by this Presbytery. But we invite you to consider the peculiarity of our situation. "No pent up Utica contracts our powers." Embracing Eastern and Western Oregon, the whole great Territory of Washington, and stretching away into the British possessions, this Presbyterial field is vast, immense, containing perhaps a greater amount of square miles than the twelve Apostles, with all their miraculous endowments, during their whole lives traversed. Besides, we are not in compact bodies, but as in the settling of all the North Western countries in fragments, often widely separated. Almost every religious denomination prevailing in the Eastern States has its representatives here both in ministers and people. Neighbourhoods are consequently divided, containing but a small number of any one of these societies. It requires therefore, a large amount of ministerial labour to reach a few of our scattered ones. Our Omniscient Saviour has, no doubt, so arranged it to bring the pure leaven of the gospel in contact with the great mass of corrupted humanity. Besides, none of your ministers here are wealthy, nor are their respective charges able to sustain them by affording them a competency. Every minister here is necessarily employed, a portion of his time, in some secular pursuit. Is it then possible for six men, so situated, to do justice to an area of territory perhaps larger than any half dozen of your Eastern Presbyteries? We see in your publications complaints of too many ministers. May not the Holy One be pointing you to this opening to go over and help these destitute places? And are there not self-sacrificing spirits among you who would gladly embrace such noble opportunity to present a bleeding Saviour to the serpent-bitten in the wilderness?—men like the devoted, magnanimous Paul, who, scorning to be a burden to the church of his Master, lifts up his weather-beaten, sunburned arms, and with heroic sublimity exclaims, "These hands have ministered to my necessity?" Truly we rejoice at your success in Egypt, in India, and elsewhere among the barbarians of Adam's race. Has not your own country some claims upon your generosity? Must the dogs be fed while the children starve? The field to which we invite your attention is not only vast, but will be vitally important to the moral health, both of America and of the world. "Westward the star of empire takes its way." On this coast, and within this field, we are having the representatives of every nation, kindred, tongue and language. God seems to be gathering here the nations that they may look each other in the face—that their prejudices against each other may be broken down—the tongues confounded at Babel be restored, and that the long disunited race may coalesce in one great brotherhood. The gospel is the honoured instrument. While, therefore, the motley, doubtful banners partly true, and partly false are taking the field, let not the tribe of Judah be last to welcome David's Son to His throne. Let not the pure, white banner of the United Presbyterian be tardiest in the race to float over these congregated nations. "The tree's inclined as the twig is bent." As you mould and shape the boy, so may you expect the man to be—in the incipient stages of an empire's existence, you may in addition to the direct reconstruction of fallen humanity—by rebuking profanity and other vicious habits—by securing to man his inalienable liberty—produce results that will tell through time and eternity upon the interests of our glorious King, as well as on the millions of subjects whom he governs.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery, T. S. KENDALL, J. E. HANNON, J. WORTH, } *Committee.*

PHILADELPHIA.—The Presbytery of Philadelphia would report that, since our last report, it has pleased the Head of the Church to set aside from active duties one of our number. Rev. G. C. Arnold has been seriously unwell for months, but we trust he is gradually recovering, and will yet be permitted to remain many years in the field.

Rev. Dr. Dales has been absent in the East since last October.

At our meeting, June 30th, 1862, a call from the congregation of South Argyle, under care of the Presbytery of Argyle, was presented to Rev. William Bruce of this Presbytery and by him declined.

On the 28th of July, 1862, two calls, one from the congregation of Argyle, the other from the congregation of East Greenwich, both under care of the Presbytery of Argyle, were presented to Mr. D. M. Ure, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Monongahela, and the former was accepted.

On March 30th, 1863, a call was received from the Sixth Church, Philadelphia, addressed to Mr. George M. Wiley, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Argyle, sustained as regular and laid on the table for presentation.

At the same meeting, Rev. T. F. Boyd was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Caledonia.

Also Mr. M. M. Gibson was received as a student of Theology, from the Presbytery of Xenia, and licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer under care of Presbytery.

At the same meeting, a petition was presented from certain persons residing in West Philadelphia, asking to have a stated supply of preaching sent to them. At a subsequent meeting they laid on the table of Presbytery, a paper pledging themselves to give $250 towards supporting their missionary, and in faith of this Presbytery directed the delegate to the Board of Missions to ask for a man for one year, and $350 towards helping these brethren carry on their enterprise—begun we think under the most favourable auspices. The field in our judgment is an excellent one, and we hope that through your Board of Home Missions, they may receive that encouragement and aid they ask.

Overtures.—On the overtures from the last General Assembly, the vote is as follows:

On the Book of Discipline as amended. Ayes, 14, nay, 1.

On the appellate power of General Assembly. Ayes, 14, nay, 1.

On cases transferred to a superior court. Ayes, 10, nays, 3, 2 silent.

On the admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches. Ayes, 15, 2 silent.

On the Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries. Ayes, 16, 2 silent.

Memorial.—The Presbytery of Philadelphia would earnestly pray the General Assembly to take into its serious consideration the subject of early furnishing the church with a new version of the book of Psalms in metre. This we cannot but look upon as one of the most important questions before us as a denomination; yet without at all wishing to blame the members of the various committees, which have been, or are still employed in the work of amendment, which have tried, and are still trying to do what the Assembly commanded them, our progress appears very slow. It is true the subject has been discussed and agitated in all our congregations, more or less. This has doubtless in most instances been followed by good results. The foundation of opinions and practices has been examined, and reasons for a change have been in many cases, convincing; but *practically* we occupy the same ground we did years ago. We are singing a version of the Psalms to-day in which we are compelled to violate the universally acknowledged rules of rhythm, accent and pronunciation. But, dear fathers and brethren, is this right or necessary? Shall we be likely thereby to accomplish our mission, as a part of the universal church, or extend the kingdom of our blessed Redeemer?

These Psalms, the grandest and most poetical compositions that the world ever saw, are worthy of a better dress. The sublime service of Jehovah is worthy of the choicest numbers and the most pleasing language. And it seems a sort of reproach justly cast upon us, that with the Psalter, which formed one of the glories of the ancient temple service, our manner of praise should be among the least interesting and often unpleasant part of our worship. Nor is this all: we are constantly losing by delay. Other denominations with a less correct creed, and with a ministry not more than our equals in talents and acquirements, are almost everywhere occupying the field successfully before us. But more than all, we are not able in some cases to hold the ground we have already gained. It is a painful fact, and the truth may as well be told, that, in certain parts of the church, some of our youth, principally on this account, leave us. And that shall surely be a sad day for the church, when she neglects to take all lawful means to retain our youth. We believe a version of the Psalms, such as the church and times demand, is now attainable. We pray you, dear brethren, to act in this matter, and to act speedily.

The Presbytery would also urge upon the Assembly the importance of taking the necessary measures to have the Psalms in *prose, chanted in our* congregations. In the meantime we would also ask you to furnish us a pastoral letter, or otherwise such instructions as will in some measure prepare our people for the changes contemplated in this memorial.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbytery request the General Assembly to pass an act, constituting such member of each Board of the church as may be appointed by the Board an ex-officio member of the Assembly, making it his duty to be present at every meeting of the Assembly, with the understanding that said member shall be entitled to deliberate, but not to vote on such matters as may be brought before the Assembly, and also with the understanding that his expenses to and from the Assembly be paid out of the funds of the Assembly, unless when said member of the Board is a commissioner from his Presbytery.

The Committee on the *State of Religion* report the following:

"On the subject of religion we have nothing of very special interest to state. From the reports of Sessions it appears that our congregations, (with few exceptions,) have not enjoyed as large accessions as in some former years; this we attribute partly to the excited state of the public mind, and partly to a want of deeper interest in the salvation of souls. Yet still amidst all that may appear discouraging, we are not without evidences that the great Head of the church is with us.

In regard to *Prayer Meetings*, our congregations, with one or two exceptions, report favourably, and in some instances there are very encouraging indications.

Sabbath Schools also are being kept up in all our churches, and many of them are in a very flourishing and prosperous condition. In most of our congregations there are Bible classes, which bid fair to be blessed auxiliaries to the interests of religion.

The important duty of *family worship* is faithfully pressed upon the attention of our people, and generally observed.

Your committee cannot omit to call attention to an increase of the sin of intemperance within the bounds of this Presbytery, and although we fail not to lift up a warning voice against this soul-destroying evil, yet a few of our people have fallen victims to its influence during the past year, and have been visited with the censures of the church.

In conclusion we deeply feel as a Presbytery, the great need of the outpouring of the Spirit from above, and earnestly pray that the great Head of the church would revive His work in our midst, that His people may rejoice in Him.

A statististical table accompanies this report.

By order of Presbytery, T. H. Hanna, *Clerk pro tem.*

Philadelphia, May 12th, 1863.

Sialkot.—The last, like all former years, in our history, has been marked by its sorrows as well as its joys. Sorrow has often brooded over our hearts, to be followed by the joy of the light of the countenance of our Heavenly Father. Our hearts and our hands have been very much encouraged and strengthened by the arrival and residence among us of Mr. and Mrs. Barr. They reached Sealkote in April last. Bro. Barr presented a certificate from the Presbytery of Chartiers, and took his seat in our Presbytery at her meeting in July.

The action of the late General Assembly on our protest and petition, was on the whole satisfactory, for although it admonished "the brethren in India" for past forgetfulness of duty in giving way to the strong temptations in this land "to violate the principle of close communion," and speaks of an "anomalous procedure," yet it vindicated the authority of Presbytery, and confirmed her interpretation of the Church's Testimony by declaring that "our principles founded on the testimony of God's word, do not change with geographical boundaries or external circumstances; that to be efficient for good they should be consistently carried out in all places."

When the Assembly's action reached Presbytery, she entered on its consideration with much earnestness and prayer, desiring in all sincerity to carry out the Assembly's direction in its true spirit as understood by her. Her understanding of that action was—that Mr. Hill was required on his part to express "his willingness to submit to the authority of Presbytery," and "abide by our professed principles on the subjects that had occasioned (our) troubles" in good faith, by withdrawing his declinature of her authority, and assenting to our principles in the language of our testimony; upon his doing so, the Presbytery was required on her part "to restore (him) to his former standing," in good faith, by removing his suspension. An indefinite expression only of willingness to abide by our principles, in the face of recorded "conscientious convictions" of duty to act contrary to those principles, *unchanged*, was not in our opinion the kind of assent contemplated by the Assembly, nor was such an expression of willingness to submit to Presbytery in the face of a recorded declinature of her authority, unwithdrawn and defended, the kind of submission required. But Mr. Hill, after expressing his willingness to abide by our principles and submit to Presbytery, made it known to members of Presbytery, that his views on the subjects causing our troubles *were not changed*, and that he would not withdraw his unlawful declinature. Here was a state of the case never contemplated as we think by the Assembly; but we felt it to be our duty to go forward. Accordingly, at a meeting on the 10th of September last, the Presbytery *unanimously* passed Resolutions requiring Mr. Hill to express his willingness to abide by our principles, by giving his full, free and unqualified assent to the XVI. and XVIII. Articles of our Testimony, and submit to the authority of Presbytery, by withdrawing his unlawful declinature. Both of these things Mr. H. refused to do. He would express no willingness to abide by our principles, not such as left him free to hold his open communion views as he had practised them, or, to submit to our authority, but such as would permit him to keep his unlawful declinature on record. In this state of the case, Presbytery had no alternative but to declare as she did, unanimously, on the 13th of September, 1862, that in her judgment Mr. Hill has not acceded to the action of the Assembly, (see papers No. — containing the minutes of Presbytery in the case.)

Against three of the Resolutions passed on the 12th and 13th of September, Mr. H. gave notice of an appeal on the 19th. His appeal was ruled by the Moderator to be out of order, because—it was not made under protest—timely notice was not given, and the appellant did not acknowledge the authority of the court appealed from. (See Book of Discipline, Chap. IX., Art. III., Sect. 5.)

But as the rejection of this appeal might have made Presbytery liable to the charge of having taken advantage of its irregularity to prevent Mr. H from getting a hearing before the Assembly, we have waived the question of its regularity so far as to refer it to you to be entertained, or not, as you in your wisdom may see fit. The appeal and the resolution referring it, are herewith transmitted. (See papers No. II. and III.) An answer to the appeal has been prepared by Presbytery to be used in case the appeal be entertained. (See paper No. IV.)

At our meeting in July, the attention of Presbytery was called to the fact that the Board of Foreign Missions had published, without our knowledge, a number of papers purporting to be "official correspondence" between this Presbytery and said Board in the Hill case. As Presbytery had never seen some of those papers before their publication, and others of them were in no proper sense "official," and as some of them contained gross misrepresentations and injurious insinuations against Presbytery, a committee was appointed to report on the subject. The report was adopted, and has been sent home for publication, by order of Presbytery. This was done as a simple act of justice in self-defence against injurious attacks which the Presbytery had no other means of meeting.

Presbytery would call the attention of the Assembly to the fact that strenuous efforts have been made by us for the last three years to extend our operations, by taking up another station. These efforts have received no encouragement from home. The stations near us are passing out of our hand because we are denied the means of holding them. Soon all possibility of extending ourselves here, except in isolated and disconnected places, will be out of our power. Our mission will be closed in and forced to take a secondary position as a mere feeder of the surrounding missions. Is the church at home prepared for this? If not, now is the time to take hold; *now or never!* We have gone forward once more—we have taken up the only important place *now* within our reach—we are trying to hold it. We have the men, and as soon as the Board pay up what they have already sanctioned, and set the second station fund free, we have the means to begin a house in the second station for Mr. Barr, for whom as yet no house has been provided. Private enterprise has placed means in our hands sufficient to build a house for one of our native brethren at an annual cost of $150, until the church is able to purchase. Nothing is now wanting to go on and secure the new station and set it in operation, but permission and encouragement from home, but even that is withheld, and all our prospects for the future as a mission, are completely blighted by being closed up in Sealkote, where, without any outlet, we must from the nature of the case die a lingering death, and in addition to all this, as if to help on our distress, it is proposed to call away one of our men, who is qualified and has been successful in the mission work, without any cause whatever known to us or definite reason given by the Board. We confess, dear brethren, we feel discouraged. We do not feel sure that the Church wishes us to extend our operations or principles in this land—as if we had been rebuked for our efforts to maintain the Testimony of the United Presbyterian Church in India—O do not blame us—we tell you candidly this is the way matters are beginning to appear to us from this stand point. Are we right or are we wrong? Do you wish the United Presbyterian Church to take root, and do her part in evangelizing the perishing millions of India or not? If you do, now is the time to help us—delay is dangerous.—Let us use the means already devoted to a second station in building a house for Bro. Barr, and send us more—let us keep every efficient man, and send us more. Send us the means already sanctioned for this station; let us carry it on vigorously; do not compel us to fritter away our energies any longer in suspense and indecision for want of encouragement and help. We are not unmindful of your home difficulties—we know you are in the midst of a mighty contest—we know there are urgent and loud calls for your men and means; but we are members of the same body; our hearts are rent with your hearts; but we cannot think it possible that you as a church or individuals intend to throw all your energies and means into the gulf of civil war—to support the soldiers of the Republic, whilst there are at least equally urgent demands for the soldiers of the cross, commissioned and sent out by you—sent to these outposts, far from friends and home and support, sent to wield the weapons of truth against the enemies of King Jesus. O think of us, dear fathers, brethren,—think of your obligations to help us—to help us to bring down the people in subjection to Him whose throne is forever and ever, the sceptre of whose kingdom is a right sceptre.

The internal difficulties that have so long distracted this Mission and Presbytery are now at an end, provided the late action of the Board in the case is permitted to stand as it has been modified by the mission. Our external difficulties in this country are passing away. We have passed the crisis of our ordeal as a mission, holding peculiar views, and we have taken our place among the Missions of the Punjab. At the late Missionary Conference in Lahore, our position and rights as missionaries were respected and formally recognized. Our most pressing want at present, so far as the

help of man is concerned, in promoting the efficiency and prosperity of this mission, is the sympathy, the prayers and the assistance of the church at home. Shall we have these? Will you help us? If not—if the church does not think it desirable to carry out her testimony consistently in India, it were far better for her to retreat from the field at once and put her funds into the hands of some of the more popular agencies already in operation here and save the cause, the reproach of one, at least, of the "injurious schisms," (if such our testimony be,) now prevalent in the Punjab.

This Presbytery has endorsed the action of the Sealkote Mission, in reference to the proposed recall of Messrs. Hill and Stevenson from this mission field, (see papers No. V.) agreeing to the recall of the former, and not agreeing to that of the latter.

This Presbytery has taken no action on the several overtures sent down to Presbyteries. The overtures have not yet reached us, nor have we yet received an official copy of the minutes of the last Assembly. The state of religion among our native converts is on the whole encouraging. We see many things to lament. We find much of the weakness of human nature to encounter, but it gives us great joy to be able to record as a token of the loving-kindness of our Master, that these works of the flesh are gradually giving way before the grace of God and the influence of the Holy Spirit. Ordinances have been regularly administered during the year in the congregation, both at the City Church and on the Mission Compound. Attendance has been regular and attentive at both places. Prayer meetings and other religious exercises have been kept up from week to week as a means of promoting the spiritual growth of the flock.

The statistical state of our congregation is about the same as at our last report. The number of persons under pastoral care and Christian training are 56. The number of members, 22. Dismissed during the year in good standing, 2. Baptism during the year, 1. Present candidates for baptism, 5. Our contributions for the last two years have been devoted chiefly to the erection of a building for public worship and school purposes in the Mission Compound.

By order of Presbytery,

JAMES S. BARR, *Moderator.*
E. H. STEVENSON, *Clerk.*

SIDNEY.—We have still with gratitude to record the goodness of our God in the preservation of the lives of all our ministerial members. While some of us have been chastened personally and others of us in our families, yet it has been mingled with much mercy; for our Sabbath labours have been but little interrupted.

We have held during the year six regular meetings and one *pro re nata*. Two of these were visitation meetings, which were peculiarly interesting to us, and we trust profitable to the congregations. The *pro re nata* meeting was called to take action on a call, made out by the United charge of Huntsville and Roundhead, and addressed to Mr. J. R. Johnston, a probationer under the care of the Presbytery of Big Spring. The call was sustained as regular, and forwarded for presentation. It was, we learn, presented, but declined by the candidate, in favour of another presented at the same time. This desirable pastoral charge is therefore still on our list of vacancies. May the good Shepherd soon provide for them one to go in and out before them as their Pastor.

Since our last annual report we have ordained to the work of the holy ministry, W. G. Morehead, your Missionary to Italy, and W. H. Jeffers, who has accepted a call to the united charge of Bellefontaine and Miami, and has been regularly installed as their pastor. Rev. T. H. Dysart has been received, on good testimonials, from the Presbytery of Chillicothe, and having accepted a call to the congregation of Urbana, has been regularly installed its pastor. A call has been forwarded to our Presbytery, by the Presbytery of St. Louis, from the congregation of St. Louis, addressed to our brother and fellow Presbyter, Rev. J. G. Armstrong, pastor of the Sidney congregation. After prayerful and deliberate consideration by the Presbytery, the call was placed in the hands of the candidate, and by him declined. The subjects overtured by the last Assembly have been duly considered, and our action thereon has been transmitted to your body in a separate paper. A separate report on the state of religion in our bounds and likewise a *memorial* relative to some objectionable points in the Book of Government and Discipline, are herewith presented. Great harmony and brotherly kindness prevail in our Presbyterial meetings and deliberations, as also between our brethren personally.

That the great Head of the church may preside in your Assembly, and his Spirit guide you to just and wise conclusions in all matters that may come before you, is the earnest prayer of your brethren in Christ.

T. H. DYSART, *Moderator.*

By order of the Presbytery,

SAMUEL WALLACE, *Clerk.*

Sidney, April 15th, 1863.

STAMFORD.—The Rev. James McGill, having accepted a call from the united congregations of Stamford and Port Robinson, was on Feb. 5th, duly installed pastor of said congregations. Morrisdale is now our only vacancy. The people there are engaged in the erection of a church which will be completed during the present summer. It is hoped that soon they will become a self-sustaining congregation.

We have nothing special to report with regard to the state of religion. Isolated, as we are in this province, from the body of the church, we have to encounter peculiar difficulties. Still our congregations not only maintain their ground, but some of them are increasing in membership. The attendance upon the ordinances of divine worship is generally good, and there is a commendable zeal for the support of the gospel at home, and its extension abroad. Bible classes and Sabbath Schools are in active operation. Family worship is generally observed, and we doubt not God will honour his ordinances in the conversion of some, and the edification of many.

With reference to the overtures sent down by last Assembly, Presbytery voted unanimously in the affirmative, on them all, except that "concerning the Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries." There was, however, a majority in favour of such power.

A statistical table accompanies this report. JOHN GILLESPIE, *Clerk.*

STEUBENVILLE.—The Presbytery of Steubenville report, That in August last a new congregation was organized, called Clarkson.

On the 6th of October, it pleased the Head of the Church to remove by death our beloved brother and co-presbyter, Rev. Thomas Andrews, pastor of the united charge of E. Liverpool and Calcutta.

At our meeting in April, Messrs. W. A. Mackenzie and Albert H. Caldwell, having spent each three sessions at the Seminary, were licensed to preach the everlasting gospel; both of whom will be at the disposal of the Board of Home Missions.

Mr. D. M. B. McLean, a licentiate of this Presbytery, was at his own request regularly dismissed to join the Presbytery of Allegheny.

Messrs. S. Martin and J. Hunter, students of Theology, having entered the army, did not attend the Seminary the past session. The former returned during the winter with greatly impaired health, and it is thought will soon be regularly discharged from the service, the other is yet in his place. Our other student, Mr. J. R. Miller, was in regular attendance at the Seminary.

The unappropriated half of Rev. James Golden's time has been given for one year to Yellow Creek.

On the overtures, the following is the vote of Presbytery:

1. On the adoption of the Book of Discipline and government as amended. Ayes, 17, nays —.

2. In favour of the appellate power of the General Assembly in cases of discipline. Ayes, 13, nays, 2.

3. Concerning cases transferred to a superior court. Ayes, 3, nays, 11.

4. Concerning the admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches. Ayes, 14, nays, 1.

5. Concerning the Assembly's power over the Theological Seminaries. Ayes, 2. nays, 12.

At its late meeting the Presbytery unanimously passed the following resolution: "That in view of the peculiar state of the country and the church of God in its midst, this Presbytery regards it as a time in which there is a special call to the duty of public covenanting, and that we earnestly call the attention of the General Assembly at its next meeting to the duty, that they may prepare a bond suited to the times, and endeavour thus to secure universal attention to the duty, without delay."

We would also report the following preamble and resolutions in relation to the freedmen of the South.

"WHEREAS, In Divine Providence a wide door has been opened in that direction, and a loud call is made upon all evangelical Christians to use every means to occupy so wide and inviting a field of labour; and whereas the United Presbyterian Church is especially bound by her public profession to direct her special efforts in behalf of the down-trodden and oppressed in our own land, whilst as yet she has done little or nothing. Therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we earnestly recommend and urge upon the attention of our General Assembly through the Board of Home Mission, the duty of taking immediate action upon the subject, pledging ourselves that we will use every effort to secure from our people a full share of the necessary expenses for as many missionaries as they shall judge it proper to send.

Resolved, 2, That from our knowledge of the qualifications of Rev. Joseph McKee for such a work we cordially recommend him to the Board as one well suited to the work, and, as we have reason to believe, willing and ready to go at their bidding."

From reports of sessions and other sources, we are led to believe that the state of religion in our bounds is, upon the whole, encouraging. In general, public ordinances have been well attended. Social prayer meetings, Bible classes, Sabbath Schools, family worship and instruction appear to have been well maintained. These things we regard as hopeful signs of good results yet to be enjoyed by the church. The week of prayer was a refreshing season to many of us, and an answer to our prayers we hope yet to realize. Although we have not any marked evidence of the special influences and operations of the Word and Spirit in our midst, yet we are happy to be able to say we have not had any remarkable apostacies from the faith, and that we feel encouraged to persevere in the good work before us.

By order of Presbytery, JOSEPH ANDREWS, } *Committee.*
Yellow Creek, April 15th, 1863. J. M. JAMIESON, }

ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY.—To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church to meet in Xenia, May 27th, 1863, the Presbytery of St. Lawrence would respectfully report that by the appointment and authority of the United Presbyterian Synod of New York, the Presbytery of St. Lawrence was constituted in the 1st United Presbyterian Church of Hinchinbrook, on the 2d of December, 1862.

This Presbytery has the supervision of five congregations, and these comprise three pastoral charges. Since the organization of Presbytery the Rev. William Hawthorn, has been installed pastor of the congregations of Hemmingsford and Covey Hill.

There are now no vacancies within our bounds.

The state of religion amongst our congregations, though not marked by any thing which would attract attention from the public, is vital, and seems to be progressing.—The attendance on public worship is generally good. Prayer meetings and Bible classes, though not attended as they ought to be, are kept up through the most of our congregations. On all the overtures of the Assembly, Presbytery voted affirmatively. Ayes, 6; Nays, 0. JOHN HARPER, *Clerk.*

ST. LOUIS.—Presbytery of St. Louis report, that since our last report the business transacted by us of general interest to be,—

1st, *Receptions from other Presbyteries.* Rev. R. N. Fee, from the Presbytery of Keokuk.

2d, *Calls.* From Unity, to Rev. R. N. Fee, and one from the St. Louis congregation, to Rev. J. G. Armstrong.

3d, *Installations.* Rev. R. N. Fee, in Unity congregation, and Rev. Henry Allen in Union congregation.

4th, *Vacancies.* St. Louis, Chester, Centralia and Xenia.

5th, *State of Religion.* Attendance upon public ordinances generally good. There is also an encouraging degree of interest manifested in Sabbath Schools. Prayer meetings and Bible Classes in our congregations. On the other hand, in some of our congregations there is not that degree of peace and harmony existing that are so important to the interests of religion.

On the Overtures of the Assembly the vote of Presbytery stands as follows:—

1st, For the adoption of the Book of Discipline, Ayes, 8. Nays, 0.

2d, Resolved that in the judgment of this presbytery the General Assembly ought not to be a court of appeal. Ayes, 8. Nay, 1.

3d, Concerning cases transferred to a superior court for amendment. Ayes, 7, Nays. 2.

4th, Concerning ministers and licentiates from other denominations for the article. Ayes, 10, Nays, 0.

5th, In favour of the Assembly having control of Theological Seminary. Ayes, 0. Nays, 10. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery. R. N. FEE, *Moderator.*
JOHN F. STEWART, *Stated Clerk.*

VERMONT.—The Presbytery of Vermont reports that no very material changes have taken place in our bounds within the last year. As there is but one ministerial member belonging to the Presbytery, we pass no judgment on the overtures sent to the Presbyteries, and send no delegate to the General Assembly. The war has produced some of its lamentable consequences in this part of the country. Deaths and removals have affected some of our congregations in some measure. Our vacant congregations have suffered by reason of the failure of some of the missionaries to fulfil their appointments. The congregation of Ryegate has made another laudable attempt to obtain a settled minister, but have not yet obtained the object of their desire. They have rebuilt their church-edifice, and are able and willing to support a settled minister. They petition to have the services of missionaries during the whole of the year. The congregation of Greensboro petition the appropriation of $100,00 from the home mission fund to assist in supporting a pastor. Though weak, they are strenuously endeavouring to obtain a settled minister. Provided this donation is not granted, they petition the services of missionaries for July, August, and September. Respectfully submitted. By order of Presbytery. T. GOODWILLIE, *Moderator.*

WESTMORELAND:—In the good providence of God the ministers of this Presbytery have been spared and permitted to perform the usual amount of pastoral labour with about the ordinary degree of encouragement. Harmony prevails in our churches, and warm brotherly love in the Presbytery.

Calls.—Two calls have been received; one from Mt. Pleasant and Madison, September 2d, to Mr. A. B. Fields, which was accepted; and one from Andes, N. Y., to Mr. A. H. Elder, which was declined.

Ordination.—Mr. Fields was ordained and installed pastor of Mt. Pleasant and Madison, Nov. 4th.

Students.—On the same day Mr. W. D. Ewing was received as student of theology from the Presbytery of Conemaugh. He has since, as also our other student, entered the army.

Mission Stations.—The congregations receiving aid from the Assembly enjoy a good degree of prosperity. New Salem, which received appropriations from the Assemblies of 1860 and 1861, has failed, and the members of the congregation have, by order of presbytery, been transferred to other congregations.

Missionaries.—We are happy to say that none of the missionaries appointed to us have disappointed us, and those within our bounds are labouring with acceptance.

Memorial.—We submit to your consideration the accompanying memorial concerning the preparation and publication of a Church Register and blanks for the use of presbyteries and Sessions.

Delegates from Boards.—We also invite your attention to the following resolution adopted by presbytery.

"*Resolved*, That we cordially concur with a resolution passed by the presbytery of Philadelphia, requesting the assembly to constitute as an ex-officio member of the assembly, such member of each Board of the church as may be appointed by the Board with the understanding that said member shall have the power of deliberating, but not of voting on such questions as may be before the Assembly, and with the understanding that his expenses to and from the assembly be paid by the assembly, except when he may be appointed as a commissioner from his presbytery."

Overtures.—The action of presbytery on the several overtures is as follows:—

Concerning the Appellate Power of Assembly, Ayes, 14, Nay, 1. Cases transferred to a superior court, Ayes. 13, Nays, 7, Silent, 1. Admission of ministers from other Churches, Ayes, 15, Nays, 0. Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries, Ayes, 10, Nays, 7, Silent, 3. On the Book as Amended, Ayes, 18, Nays, 0, Silent, 2.

State of Religion.—Upon the subject of the State of Religion within our bounds, although we rejoice with gratitude to God that he has not withdrawn from us altogether the manifestations of his grace in righteous retribution for our lukewarmness in his service, but has on the contrary given us reason to believe that he is still granting the demonstration of the Spirit and power with the means of grace in our congregations generally, yet we have many reasons for mingling sorrow with our rejoicing. There is a spirit of rebellion against God, associated with a feeling of disloyalty to the government, and a positive hatred to the poor down-trodden sons and daughters of Africa, that is operating in some portions of our territory, and producing a violent opposition to some of our distinctive principles, and to a limited extent disturbing the harmony of a few of our congregations. From the reports of sessions we learn that there is, on the whole, an increased attention to public worship, sabbath-schools, and prayer meetings. But the reports upon the subject of family religion are so indefinite as to show either that there is some declension of religion among our families, or that our sessions have not been so careful as they should have been in inquiring into the matter. There is not such an increase of the missionary spirit as we would wish to report, but we are happy to say that increased attention is being given to the claims of an ungodly world upon us. It is our wish that the Assembly vigorously sustain our missionary operations, both in the home and foreign fields, and we particularly give our assurance of co-operation in any measures the Assembly may adopt for the evangelization of the liberated Africans of our Southern States, believing that thus we can best show our sympathy for, and help along an oppressed and deeply injured people.

We pray for the presence and power of God's Spirit in your sessions.

By order of Presbytery. S. JAMISON, *Moderator.*
Turtle Creek, Pa., April 15, 1863. A. G. WALLACE, *Clerk.*

WHEELING.—*Receptions.* June 10th, 1862, Mr. David Barclay was received under the care of presbytery as a student of theology of the 2d year. *Dismissions.* Oct 28th, 1862, Messrs. W. A. Robb and J. A. McCall, licentiates, were certified to the Presbytery of Xenia. March 3d, 1863, Mr. John M. Waddle, licentiate, received a certificate to connect with the Presbytery of Chillicothe. Mr. T. P. Dysart, licentiate, was certified to the Presbytery of Desmoines, and Mr. John W. Reed, Student, to the Presbytery of Chartiers. *Licensures. April 14th*, 1863. Messrs. George McAdam and Wm. Fulton were licensed to preach the gospel.

At the same meeting the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. A. Conner and the congregations of Tent, Short Creek, and Middle Wheeling was dissolved. It was ordered to report the fact to the General Assembly, that the Rev. W. A. Pollock left our bounds without fulfilling all his appointments. Our Brother, J. S. McCready, is absent from his congregation as captain of Co. H. 126th Regiment, O. V. I. Brother Conner, by the appointment of presbytery, is *our* missionary to the Freedmen, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Overtures.—Appellate Power, &c. Ayes, 6. Nays, 6. Transfers to a Superior Court, Ayes, 12, Nays, 0. Admission of ministers and licentiates from other churches, Ayes, 12, Nays, 0. Theological Seminaries, Ayes, 6, Nays, 4.

In regard to the state of religion, it must be admitted that in almost all of our congregations there are some who are cold in their attachment to the principles of the church. We greatly need the out-pouring of the Holy Ghost upon us. Yet God has not left us without some tokens of his favour. The administration of the word and ordinances has in many cases been followed with the divine blessing. That you may enjoy the presence of Him who is King in Zion is our prayer.

By order of Presbytery. W. G. Waddle, *Clerk.*

Xenia.—Since our report to the last General Assembly, the following named young men have been licensed to preach the gospel, namely, Mr. E. Currie, and Mr. Joseph Clokey, the former on the 24th of June, 1862, and the latter on the 31st of March, 1863.

On the 9th of October, 1862, Rev. J. B. McMichael, received from the Presbytery of the Lakes, was ordained and installed pastor of the congregation of Sugar Creek.

Mr. J. A. McCall, received from the Presbytery of Wheeling, was ordained and installed pastor of the congregation of Cedarville, March 31st, 1863, and Mr. W. A. Robb, also received from the Presbytery of Wheeling, was ordained and installed pastor of the joint congregations of Cæsar's Creek and Reesville.

Dr. S. Findley, of the Presbytery of Des Moines, and Robt. Gilmor, licentiate of the 1st Presbytery of Ohio, were received in the care of this Presbytery.

Rev. G.W. Gowdy was certified to the Presbytery of Muskingum, and Mr. Gibson, a student of theology, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

We are called to lament the death of an esteemed brother in the ministry, the Rev. J. S. McCracken, who, after a painful and lingering illness, which he endured with Christian meekness and fortitude, was taken from the scene of his earthly labours and trials and sufferings to be made, we trust, a partaker of "the inheritance of the saints in light." His decease occurred on April 1st, 1863. On the state of religion in our bounds we have little to report.

Peace and good will appear to prevail in all our congregations. But whilst this is the case and a thing to thank God for, zeal and liberality in God's cause do not correspond with the manifold blessings which a kind Providence has bestowed upon our people. The world and the things of the world are sought after so eagerly, that personal progress in Divine things and the advancement of the cause of Christ are attended to with too little energy and spirit. Our people seem partially to forget that they are not of the world, and therefore neglect, in part, to live above the world. But we hope and pray for a time of refreshing from the Divine Presence.

The following is the vote of Presbytery on the subjects in Overture from the last General Assembly.

On "the form of Government and Discipline as Amended:" Ayes, 10, Nays, 7. On "the Appellate Power of the General Assembly:" Ayes, 13, Nays, 4. On "cases transferred to a Superior Court: Ayes, 0, Nays, 15. On "the admission of ministers and licentiates from other Churches:" Ayes, 15, Nays, 2. On the Assembly's power over Theological Seminaries: Aye, 1, Nays, 17.

The following report in favour of prosecuting with renewed energy and zeal the work of securing a new and improved version of the Book of Psalms, was unanimously adopted. With the prayer, that wisdom and patience and moderation may characterize all your deliberations, and that your decisions may be blessed to the promotion of the interests of the Church of Christ, we respectfully submit the foregoing report.

By order of Presbytery. R. B. Ewing, *Clerk.*

Xenia, May 29, 1863.

Appendix.—Whilst Presbytery voted in favour of the Form of Government and Discipline as amended, yet certain additional alterations and amendments to the book were regarded as desirable, and are recommended to the Assembly in the accompanying report on that subject.

Report of the Presbytery of Xenia, on the subject of a New Version of the Book of Psalms.

We do not deem it necessary to enter into a lengthened argument to prove the necessity of an improved version of the Book of Psalms.

The present version, at the time of its introduction into the Church of Scotland, more than two hundred years since, was, as is stated on the title-page, "more smooth

and agreeable to the original text than any heretofore." But since that period great changes have taken place in the literature of the world, in the use of language, and in the laws of versification and poetry. However good, therefore, the version presently in use may have been at that time, and however much it may have been an improvement on "any heretofore," the fact now is that it has become so antiquated in form, and so defective in accent and rythm, as to be offensive, in certain parts, to the literary tastes and sensibilities of educated minds in the present age. And however insensible we may be to these defects by habitual use, and however willing we may be to bear with these defects ourselves, it cannot be expected that those who have not been thus educated will be willing to sacrifice their educated sensibilities merely for the sake of antiquity and prejudice.

It is the judgment of this Presbytery, therefore, that one of the greatest barriers in the way of the progress of the United Presbyterian Church is to be found in the antiquated version of the Book of Psalms presently in use. And if this be true, then we are doing injustice to the claims of a Scripture Psalmody—to the cause of Christ—to the church with which we are identified—to the youth of the church—and to our own personal advancement in the divine life, if we do not employ active and persevering efforts to secure a version more smooth and agreeable to the literature of the age, than the one presently in use. That an improved version of the Psalms can be obtained, we do not doubt. We therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the General Assembly be memorialized to prosecute with increased energy the work of securing to the church a new and improved version of the Book of Psalms.

Report of Presbytery of Xenia on "The Form of Government and Discipline."

Presbytery would respectfully call the attention of the Assembly to the following proposed alterations and amendments:—

A few of the passages proposed to be corrected appear to be merely errata.

Page 5th, line 9th from the bottom, after "independent," insert "and in spiritual things."

Page 6th, middle, read "apostles, prophets, and evangelists."

Page 7th, line 1st, after "pastor," insert "teacher. Eph. iv. 11."

Do., line 7th, for "sacrament," read "sacraments."

Do., middle, after "catechise," insert "to exercise discipline."

Page 8th, line 4th, for "reading," read "reading the word,—expounding and preaching it."

Page 9th, line 6th, dele "representation of the people by their rulers," and read what follows thus—"and the parity of the rulers."

Page 11th, line 6th, read "The members of session."

Page 13th, middle, place the asterisk after "assemblies."

Page 14th, paragraph 7th, read "two or more united congregations."

Do., the texts annexed to paragraphs 8th and 9th not appropriate. So elsewhere.

Page 15th, lines 4th and 5th, dele "seriously and reasonably proposed," or say "proposed to them."

Page 21st, line 1st, read "and cases of discipline brought regularly before them."

Do., near the bottom, read "unless peculiar circumstances should in the view of a majority," &c.

Page 23d, line 13th, read "The election may be by ballot, or viva voce, as a majority shall determine."

Page 24th, line 1st, read "and require them, after permission by the chair, to address the Assembly."

Page 33d, paragraph 3d, after "divine direction," read "any member of the congregation may nominate suitable persons for the aforesaid offices."

Page 35th, end of paragraph 3d, read—"The presiding minister shall take the vote, by requiring those favourable to the first-named candidate to signify it by lifting their right hands, then those favourable to the second candidate to signify it in the same way, and so of others, if others be named. He shall then reverse the vote in respect to the candidate having a majority of all the votes given, to ascertain if there be opposition."

Page 37th, middle, read "adhere to your choice of this brother, and receive him as a ruling elder," &c.

Do., next paragraph, omit "and the laying on of the hands of the session."

Do., next paragraph, read "session and deacons . . . take the newly ordained elder or elders, and deacon or deacons," &c.

Page 38th, section 1st, for "where," read "when."

Do., near the bottom, read "to be the pastor of this congregation."

Page 39th, paragraph 4th, for "it may be," read "it is proper."

Pages 39th—43d. Put the questions to the minister before the questions to the people, and place the texts in the margin.

Page 42d, quest. 5th, after "deacon," add in the parenthesis, "or to accept of license to preach the gospel," or in general adapt the formula to probationers.

Page 43d, 9th question, omit "agreeably to your former," &c.

Page 44th, line 6th, for "receive," read "accept."

Page 46th, a little below the middle, for "9th," read "8th."

Do., H.

Page 50th, H.

Page 51st, near the bottom, omit "If in this he succeed, the matter shall terminate. But—"

Do., do., "privately and alone," omit "alone."

Page 54th, section 10th, H.

Page 57th, section 8th, H.

Page 64th, paragraph 5th, after "witnesses," add "in ordinary cases"

Page 68th, paragraph 2d, for "contained," read "contain."

Page 69th, last line, omit the mark of quotation.

Page 71st, line 10th from bottom, omit "such," and "as unhinge the Christian profession."

Page 75th, middle, read—"But no protest can be admitted by an inferior judicatory, unless the party protesting accompany it with an appeal to the next highest court, or express an intention to appeal or complain."

Do., line 2d of paragraph 5th, for "contains," read "contain."

Page 77th, paragraph 5th, for "procure," read "secure."

Page 79th, 9th line from bottom, for "appears," read "appear."

Appendix, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 10, for "United Presbyterian Presbytery," read "The Presbytery," or "United Presbytery."

Do., No. 17, last clause, omit "and delivering him unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh," &c

By order of Presbytery.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in Xenia, Ohio, May 27th, 1863, your Trustees would respectfully report, that since your last meeting the following items of business have been transacted by them, viz.:—

They received from the executrix of Rev. John Adams, deceased, late of York Co., Pa., nine hundred and fifty dollars, (being a legacy of one thousand dollars, less the collateral inheritance tax.) left by said Adams to the Associate Synod, for Home and Foreign Missions, for which they gave an indemnifying bond, and directed their Treasurer to pay it equally to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

They also received from Rev. J. Y. Calhoun notes amounting to one thousand dollars, left by Alexander Young, deceased, late of East Liverpool, Ohio, for the Board of Publication, and handed them over to Treasurer of said Board for collection.

Our Treasurer also received from sundry persons, as will appear from his report, certain sums of money to be invested permanently, and the interest to be applied to Missions. He was instructed to invest said funds in United States 5-20 Bonds, and apply the interest as intended by the donors.

The term of office as Trustees, of James McCandless, David Reed, and Graham Scott, will expire on the first Tuesday of July, 1863.

All of which is respectfully submitted. GRAHAM SCOTT, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, May 26, 1863.

REPORTS OF TREASURERS. *

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS. DR.

May 1, 1862.	To balance from old accounts,	$1161 33
April 30, 1863.	To whole amount of contributions,	25,888 35
	Total,	$27,049 68

CR.

1862—63.	Total amount paid by order of the Board,	$23,157 71
April 30, 1863.	By balance to new account,	4,891 97
	Total,	$27,049 68

New York, April 30th, 1863. THOS. B. RICH, *Treasurer.*

* The General Assembly ordered the publication of a Summary of the Treasurers' Reports, omitting the items.—COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS. DR.

May 1, 1862.	To balance on hand, last report,	$1,296 80	
April 30, 1863.	Total contributions for the year,	13,916 00	
	Total,		$15,212 80

CR.

April 30, 1863.	By total amount paid by order of the Board,	$13,453 18	
"	By balance on hand,	1,759 62	
	Total,		$15,212 80

SOUTHERN MISSION. DR.

1862-63.	Total contributions,	$207 96

JEWISH MISSION. DR.

1862 3.	Total amount of contributions,	$10 88

JOHN FLEMING, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHURCH EXTENSION. DR.

April 30, 1862.	To cash balance as per last report,	$576 85	
" 29, 1863.	To whole amount of receipts,	1,312 73	
	Total,		1,889 58

CR.

1862-3.	Paid by order of the Board,	$1,072 58	
April 30, 1863.	By balance in Treasury,	817 00	
	Total,		$1,889 58

JAMES MCCANDLESS, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION. DR.

April 30, 1862.	To balance on hand as per last report,	$426 05	
" " 1863.	To total receipts during the year,	9,983 06	
	Total,		$10,409 11

CR.

1862-63.	By amount paid by order of the Board,	$9,736 13	
April 30, 1863.	By balance on hand,	672 98	
	Total,		$10,409 11

JAMES MCCANDLESS, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION. DR.

May 1, 1862.	To balance on hand as per last report,	$41 29	
April 30, 1863.	To whole amount of receipts during the year,	1,586 96	
	Total,		1,628 25

CR.

1862-3.	By amount paid by order of the Board,	$1,417 31	
April 30, 1863.	By balance on hand,	210 94.	
	Total,		$1,628 25

THOMAS JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

JAMES M'CANDLESS IN ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DR.

1862-3.	To balance on hand as per last report,	$366 07	
"	To whole amount of receipts during the year,	309 01	
	Total,		$675 08

CR.

1862-3.	By cash paid as per orders,	$552 54	
April 30, 1863.	By balance on hand,	122 54	
	Total,		$675 08

DR. RODGERS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BIBLE DISTRIBUTION FUND. DR.

1862-3.	By balance from last year,	$66 10	
"	By whole amount of contributions,	138 62	
	Total,		$204 72

CR.

1862-3.	Amount paid by order,	$204 72

OFFICERS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MODERATORS.

1858, Rev. John T. Pressly, D. D.
1859, Rev. P. Bullions, D. D.
1860, Rev. Joseph Clokey, D. D.
1861, Rev. R. D. Harper, D. D.
1862, Rev. J. T. Cooper, D. D.
1863, Rev. Alex. Young, D. D.

STATED CLERKS.

1858, Rev. Samuel Wilson, D. D.
1859, Rev. James Prestley, D. D.
1863, Rev. J. T. Cooper, D. D.

SYNODS.

New York:—Meets in the First United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on the 2d Tuesday of October, 1863, at 7½ P. M.

1st of the West:—Meets in Erie, Pa., on the 4th Thursday of August, 1863, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Pittsburg:—Meets in Newville, Pa., on the 3d Thursday of September, 1863, at 2 P. M.

Ohio *———

2d of the West:—Meets in Bloomington, Indiana, on the 1st Thursday of September, 1863, at 2 P. M.

Illinois:—Meets in Sparta, Illinois, on the 3d Thursday of August, 1863, at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

Iowa:—Meets in De Witt, Iowa, on the 4th Wednesday of August, 1863, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Allegheny, Pa.:—Opens on the 1st Monday in November. Rev. J. T. Pressly, D. D., Rev. A. D. Clark, D. D., and Rev. D. R. Kerr, D. D., Professors.

Xenia, Ohio:—Opens on the 1st Wednesday in November. Rev. Samuel Wilson, D. D. Rev. Thomas Beveridge, D. D., and Rev. Joseph Clokey, D. D., Professors.

Monmouth, Illinois:—Opens on the 1st Tuesday in September. Rev. Alex. Young, D. D., and Rev. John Scott, D. D., Professors.

FOREIGN MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

West Indies. ——— Savanna Grande, Trinidad.

Syria.—Rev. James A. Frazier and wife, Rev. John Crawford and wife, *Damascus.*

Northern India.—Rev. Andrew Gordon and wife, Rev. E. H. Stevenson and wife, Rev. George W. Scott, (native) Rev. E. P. Swift, (native) Miss Elizabeth Gordon, Rev. James S. Barr and wife, *Sealkote.*

Egypt.—Rev. Jas. Barnet, D. D.,† Rev. Thomas M'Cague and wife,‡ Rev. Samuel C. Ewing and wife, Rev. G. Lansing and wife, and Miss S. B. Dales. *Cairo.* Rev. John Hogg and wife, Rev. Andrew Watson and wife, and Miss M J. M'Kown, *Alexandria.*

China.—Rev. Joseph C. Nevin and wife, *Canton.*

Italy.—Rev. W. G. Morehead, *Florence.*

BOARDS AND TREASURERS.

Foreign Missions.—Philadelphia. Rev. James Prestley, D. D.; Rev. Joseph T. Cooper, D. D., *President;* T. D. Anderson; Rev. G. C. Arnold; Rev. Francis Church, *Recording Secretary;* T. B. Rich, 190 Elizabeth Street, New York. *Treasurer;* Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., 1628 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, *Corresponding Secretary;* Samuel C. Huey, J. M. Wallace.

Home Missions.—Xenia, Ohio. *Executive Committee:* Rev. R. D. Harper. *Secretary;* Rev. R. B. Ewing; Rev. Thomas Beveridge, D. D.; David Millen; D. A. Dean. John Fleming, Xenia, Greene Co., Ohio. *Treasurer.*

Publication.—Pittsburgh, Pa. Rev. George C. Vincent; Rev. John G. Brown: James M'Candless, 103 Wood Street, *Treasurer:* Rev. D. R. Kerr, D. D.; William Stevenson; Charles Arbuthnot; Rev. James Rodgers, D. D., 76 Third Street, Pittsburgh, *Superintendent of Depot;* Rev. James Prestley, D. D., *Secretary;* James Robb

Church Extension.—Allegheny, Pa. Rev. D. H. A. M'Lean, D.D.; Rev. R. A. Browne; John Taggart; Rev. R. Gracey, D. D.; Geo. M'Cague; John Dean; Rev. J. T. Pressly, D. D., *President;* Rev. S. B. Reed; Thomas E. Wakeham; James M'Candless, 103 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, *Treasurer.*

Education.—Monmouth, Illinois. Rev. J. A. Edie, *Secretary;* Rev. A. Young, D. D.; William Nash; Rev. John Scott; Jas. Findley; David Turnbull; Rev. D. A. Wallace, D. D., Rev. D. G. Bradford, and James A. Martin. Thomas Johnston, Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois, *Treasurer.*

Treasurer of General Assembly.—James M'Candless, 103 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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* We have not been able to ascertain in time for the press, when and where this Synod meets.—Cox.
† Now in this country.
‡ Now at Malcom, Iowa.

STATISTICS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, FOR 1862---1863.

Ministers and Licentiates.	Post-Office.	State.	Congregation.	Correspondent for Vacancy.	Membership.		Increase.		Decrease.		Baptisms.		Contributions.												
					Families.	Communicants.	Examination and Profession.	Certificate.	Death.	Removal.	Infant.	Adult.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Assembly's Fund	Synod's Fund.	Salary by Congregat'n.	Salary by Assembly.	General Contributions.	Total Amt.	Average per Member.
Synod of New York.																									
Presbytery of Albany.																									
P. Bullions, D. D., F. A....	Troy	N. York.	Troy		34	62	3	8	2	10	5	.....	$21	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	$500	.....	2026	2547	$41	08
S. F. Morrow, S. C.....	Albany	do.	Albany		110	229	7	7	2	14	15	.....	64	$93	8	10	$20	.....	.....	1000	.....	2720	2915	12	73
Andrew Thomas.....	Johnstown	do.	Johnstown		38	66	.....	1	1	.....	2	.....	30	32	1	...	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	663	10	05
J. L. Clark.....	Perth Centre	do.	Broadalbin		106	191	2	.....	2	.....	5	.....	49	88	...	...	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	408	1345	7	04
A. Henry	West Charlton	do.	West Charlton		83	141	3	.....	3	3	3	.....	35	57	...	...	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	273	1165	8	26
R. D. Williamson.....	Hoffman's Ferry	do.	Florida		63	151	.....	.....	5	7	7	.....	21	51	3	3	3	.....	.....	675	.....	351	1107	7	33
Presbytery of Argyle.																									
William B. Shortt.....	Cambridge	N. Y.,	Cambridge		44	88	4	3	1	2	3	.....	30	35	10	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	347	441	5	01
H. Brown.....	Shusban	do.	East Salem		37	78	2	.....	1	2	1	1	11	20	...	...	25	.....	.....	500	.....	38	594	7	62
W. E. Henning.....	North Argyle	do.	North Argyle		80	168	8	8	6	3	11	3	40	50	5	...	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	200	895	5	31
Henry Gordon.....	Coila	do.	Coila		84	200	2	1	4	2	11	.....	16	47	...	...	60	.....	.....	900	.....	163	1086	5	93
Jas. C. Forsythe.....	Salem	do.	Salem		147	215	10	1	7	4	8	2	29	48	...	...	69	.....	.....	1000	.....	184	1330	6	01
W. R. McKee.....	West Hebron	do.	West Hebron		72	163	6	4	4	4	6	2	94	74	13	...	45	.....	.....	550	.....	1596	2362	14	58
I. N. White.....	West Hebron	do.	Hebron		120	240	11	5	3	3	14	.....	61	86	...	...	20	.....	.....	600	.....	761	1468	6	01
Thomas Lawrence.....	Putnam	do.	Putnam		65	121	17	1	1	.....	4	3	19	33	...	...	90	9	.....	500	.....	10	661	5	46
David M. Ure.....	Argyle	do.	Argyle		230	467	18	15	11	8	11	2	138	155	...	...	77	14	3	1000	.....	350	1738	3	72
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																						
P. Campbell, Cambridge,	South Argyle.....		South Argyle.....	Jno. Reid.....	86	224	6	3	10	5	14	2	41	40	9	8	90	10	8	500	.....	80	785	3	54
John W. Harsha, Argyle,	East Greenwich.....		East Greenwich.....	A. Randles...	50	122	.....	2	1	4	7	.....	18	21	11	...	44	.....	.....	550	.....	164	870	7	13
George Mairs, do																									
Wm. Howden, W. Aurora,																									
James Law, Coila, J. B.																									
Scouller, Newville, Pa.,																									
G. W. Hall, W. Hebron.																									
Licentiates—W. N. Randles,																									
G. M. Wiley, J. H. Robinson.																									
Student.—D. McClellan.																									
J. Thompson, Esq., F. A.,																									
Cambridge, N. Y.																									

Presbytery of Boston.																										
Alex. Blaikie, S.C., F.A...	Boston	Mass	Boston		55	155	14	2	.....	15	16	2	35	40	5	5	8	2	.....	700	150	550	1350	8	71
Wm. Maclaren	Fall River	do.	Fall River		90	122	23	.....	.....	1	3	1	.....	6	...	...	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	10	816	6	60
James Williamson	Wilkinsonville	do.	Sutton		47	98	10	.....	1	6	18	1	15	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	350	150	.....	365	3	72
John P. Rohb	Providence	R. I.	Providence		32	75	4	2	2	10	2	.....	6	7	1	1	1	.....	.....	500	100	177	693	9	49
W. M. Claybaugh	Hartford	Ct.	Hartford		27	60	12	4	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	5	.....	.....	87	771	776	12	93
Without Charge.—J. M. Heron, Cedarville, O; Jas. Dinsmore, Worc'ster, Mass	Thompsonville,	Ct.	*Vacancies.* Thompsonville	H Richmond	38	77	.....	.....	3	10	3	.....	6	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	200	100	.....	.....		
Student.—J. A. Williams'n Wilkinsonville, Ct.																										
Presbytery of Caledonia.																										
John Van Eaton, F. A.	York	N. Y.	York		103	221	8	5	4	1	10	.....	75	93	6	4	17	2	.....	700	.....	350	1247	5	64
D. S. M'Henry	Peoria	do.	Covington		44	93	11	2	1	4	7	.....	26	41	4	5	6	.....	.....	500	.....	22	604	6	50
D. C. M'Vean	Franklinville	do.	Lyndon		62	127	.....	.....	1	4	8	....	8	34	...	...	.....	2	350	.....	150	536	4	19
W. S. M'Laren, S. C.,	Caledonia	do.	Caledonia		129	192	8	2	3	3	7	1	136	338	...	...	.....	.....	700	.....	231	1400	7	29
P. C. Robertson	Buena Vista	do.	Howard		32	54	2	.....	2	1	1	.....	2	5	2	1	.....	.....	200	.....	75	285	5	28
F. M. Proctor	Cuylerville	do.	Cuylerville		30	50	6	1	.....	2	9	1	13	14	4	4	4	.....	.....	313	75	54	467	8	00
J. L. Robertson	Geneva	do.	Geneva		21	44	3	2	1	2	3	.....	19	20	...	...	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	95	734	17	08
John Edgar	Sterling Valley	do.	Sterling		41	77	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	2	5	...	...	.....	.....	.....	366	.....	34	407	5	28
W. J. Robinson	Mumford	do.	Beulah		68	88	1	1	4	.....	9	1	30	26	7	9	21	3	3	[illegible]00	.....	210	911	10	36
Without Charge.—D. C. M'Laren, D. D., Geneva.	Rochester	do.	*Vacancies.* Rochester	R Johnston	56	107	5	3	4	18	5	.....	12	12	...	...	.....	.....	.....	C00	.....	20	644	6	00
D. Currie, Sterling Valley.	Hall's Corners	do.	Seneca	T. Burril.																						
Licentiate.—P. D. M'Nab, York.																										
Student.—J. M'Nab, York																										
Presbytery of Delaware.																										
James B. Lee, F. A., S.C...	Bovina Valley	do.	Bovina		172	312	14	3	4	4	16	2	100	138	15	15	22	5	5	800	.....	497	1597	5	10
R. G. Wallace,	Burlington Green	do.	Burlington		30	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	5	24	...	...	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	28	537	6	05
John E. Taylor	Cabin Hill	do.	Cabin Hill		41	113	6	2	2	3	9	.....	9	27	3	...	1	....	.....	550	.....	20	610	5	40
Joseph Thyne	East Springfield	do.	Springfield		23	38	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	10	15	1	1	3	.....	.....	450	100	15	495	13	02
J. M. Smeallie	Davenport	do.	North Kortright		88	184	8	2	2	4	4	1	40	70	...	15	15	.....	.....	600	.....	124	864	4	80
John Rippey	West Kortright	do.	West Kortright		73	135	11	1	1	.....	10	1	10	10	...	...	.....	.....	.....	550	.....	88	658	4	87
John Service	New Kingston	do.	New Kingston		30	81	9	1	2	.....	4	2	20	20	3	3	5	.....	.....	600	51	220	771	9	51
Wm. C. Somers	Hobart	do.	Hobart		45	49	1	2	7	.....	2	.....	10	10	...	...	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	125	545	11	12
Without Charge.—Wm. J. Cleland, Delhi.	Andes	do.	*Vacancies.* Andes	Thos. Dixon,	61	155	.....	4	2	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	... ...	600	.....	550	1150	7	41
Licentiate.—Peter C. Smeallie, Johnstown.	Delhi	do.	West Delhi	Wal. Dunn,	55	143	4	1	3	3	5	.....	3	15	...	...	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	.....	418	2	92
Student.—Geo. Harkness, North Kortright.	Hamden	do.	Lansingville	Jno. Bryce,	29	52	2	1	1	2	2	1	15	11	1	1	1	.....	1	226	.....	25	282	5	42
1st Presbytery of N. York,																		.....								
James Harper	New York	do.	Green st		126	253	5	27	5	23	18	.....	110	156	5	10	5	1	2	1200	.....	2000	3492	13	80
James Thompson	New York	do.	West 25th st.		80	215	12	18	3	10	12	.....	26	40	...	...	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	3200	4066	18	91
H. W. Todd	Patterson	N. J.	Patterson		103	221	14	5	7	6	23	.....	7	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Robert Armstroog	Newburgh	N. Y.	1st Newburgh		52	120	19	10	2	7	10	.....	48	42	15	4	5	11	.....	800	.....	292	1217	10	14
John Erskine	Walden	do.	Graham's Church																							
J. A. Magill, S. C., F. A.	New York	N. Y.	East 11th St		42	105	9	7	2	4	6	.....	25	25	5	4	4	.....	.....	800	.....	364	1257	11	97

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					Families.	Communicants.	Examination and Profession.	Certificate.	Death.	Removal.	Infant.	Adult.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Assembly's Fund.	Synod's Fund.	Salary by Congregat'n.	Salary by Assembly.	General Contributions.	Total Amt.	Average per Member.
Without Charge, S. C. Marshall, H. Connelly, Newburgh, N. Y., W. Melvin.	Hoboken	N. J.	*Vacancy.* 1st Hoboken	R. Harper	17	31	1	1	1	4	8	.....	$30	$23	$5	$5	$5	.....	.....	$450	$150	$19	$537	$17 33
2d Presbytery of N. York.																								
H. H. Blair	New York	N. Y.	Charles st		254	640	36	20	8	38	48	.....	109	159	20	15	120	5	.....	1600	.....	2060	4088	6 40
David J. Patterson	Brooklyn	do	Second Brooklyn		61	160	19	8	5	25	19	.....	47	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	50	29	739	4 62
John Brash	New York	do	Jane st		.....	345	6	28	2	16	38	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gawn Campbell	New York	do	West 44th St		80	120	14	28	2	8	13	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	250	877	1300	10 83
James T. Wilson, F. A.	Brooklyn, E. D.	do	1st Brooklyn		50	97	25	18	1	3	13	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	200	845	1265	13 00
Without Charge.																								
D. Donnan, Newark, N. J.,			*Vacancy.*																					
H. Brown, M. B. Williams, Brooklyn, E. D.	Newark	N. J.	Newark	Robert Park	25	56	2	1	4	13	2	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	150	.....	411	7 00
Presbytery of Philadelphia.	Jersey City	N. J.	Jersey City	S. Stirling	28	46	4	3	.....	.....	8	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250		106	373	8 00
William Easton	Smyrna	Pa.	Octorara		37	83	1	2	1	8	3	2	15	12	3	3	2	.....	2	300	.....	50	387	4 66
"	do	do	Muddy Run		6	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	3 56
J. T. Cooper, D. D.,	Philadelphia,	do	3d Phila.,		120	273	9	3	5	9	14	.....	54	54	.....	9	13	.....	7	1000	.....	1179	2316	8 47
J. B. Dales, D. D.,	do	do	2d Phila.,		229	686	13	5	10	19	30	.....	312	317	82	22	20	12	4	1500	.....	2311	4574	6 66
Francis Church,	do	do	1st Phila.,		198	306	15	13	5	29	22	.....	25	50	5	5	5	5	5	[illegible]	.....	758	2051	6 73
J. H. Andrew	Oxford	do	Oxford,																					
Geo. C. Arnold, S. C.	Philadelphia	do	4th Phila.,		110	228	7	6	2	12	15	.....	24	35	7	6	13	6	5	800	.....	444	1340	5 87
Wm. Bruce	Baltimore	Md.	Baltimore		46	110	5	1		9	10	.....	107	197	12	12	8	5	.....	800	.....	1007	2148	19 00
James Price,	Frankford	Pa.	7th Phila.,		40	64	8	1		8	1	.....	5	9	2	2	4	.....	.....	400	100	192	592	9 25
Wm. W. Barr, F. A.,	Philadelphia	do	8th Phila		98	229	17	11	.....	6	14	.....	26	51	7	7	7	2	2	753	.....	826	1682	7 38
James Crowe	do	do.	9th Phila		55	83	19	6	2	4	7	.....	7	8	3	4	4	.....	.....	250	450	228	478	5 76
Thomas H. Hanna	do	do.	5th Phila.,		134	283	28	21	5	12	32	.....	47	43	5	6	9	3	5	800	.....	832	1749	6 18
Without charge, T. F. Boyd.			*Vacancy.*																					
Licentiate, M. M. Gibson.		do.	6th Phila.,	Jno. Blakely.	29	67		2	1	13	1	.....	11	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	.....
Presbytery of Stamford.	Milton	C. W.	Esquesing		33	61	3	.....	2	3	2	.....	10	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	325	.....	100	462	7 57
John Gillespie, S. C., F. A.	Telfer	do	London		21	45	2	1	2	.....	5	.....	3	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	28	343	7 62
John B. Wilson	Galt	do	Galt		122	300	10	4	2	4	20	1	50	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	172	884	2 94
Robert Acheson	Stamford	do	} Stamford and		29	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	40	340	5 07
James M'Gill			} Port Robinson		20	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	25	280	7 56
Without Charge, R. M'Allister, Pt. Robinson, C. W.			*Vacancy.*																					
Presbytery of Vermont.	Morrisdale	do		D. Knight	12	18	.....	.....	1	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	45	2 50
Thos. Goodwillie, S. C. F. A	Barnet	Vt.	Barnet		60	125	.....	.....	5	6	2	.....	18	46	8	...	6	.....	.....	400	....	40	520	4 16
			Vacancies.																					
	Ryegate	do.	Ryegate	Rob. Symes.	40	53	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1622	1632	30 80
	Greensboro'	do.	Greensboro'	John Taylor	35	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	50	50	62

Presb. of St. Lawrence.																									
Chauncey Webster	Frontier	N. Y.	1 & 2 Hinchinbrook		48	105	7		2	3	10		22							250	100	121	393	3	74
William Hawthorn	Moore's Forks	do.	Hemmingsford and Covey Hill		28	55	5				3		11	11						300	100	10	332	6	04
John Harper	Lisbon Centre	do.	Lisbon		64	150	4	2	2		7		30	30						400		41	510	3	40
FIRST SYNOD OF THE WEST.																									
Presbytery of Allegheny.																									
John T. Pressly, D. D.	Allegheny City	Pa.	1st Allegheny		205	512	11	15	5	46	49	2	200	708	30	10	75	5	40	1200		252	2520	5	00
John B. Clark	do	do.	2d Allegheny		203	510	4	19	4	15	16		303	150	26			15	40	1200		600	2334	4	50
C. A. Dickey, S. C., F. A.	do	do.	4th Allegheny		78	187	23	47		4	25	1	45	53	7	7	7	5	10	700		6000	6834	36	57
D. M. B. M'Lean	do	do.	5th Allegheny		20	40	5	35			3	1	10	5			5				300	85	105	2	62
T. C. Guthrie, D. D.	Ogle	do.	Mt. Pleasant																						
A. D. Clark, D. D.	West Manchester	do.	Manchester		60	110	5	15	2	6	15		27	30	5	5	5		8	600		500	1180	10	80
D. H. A. M'Lean, D. D.	Beaver	do.	Beaver																						
do	do	do.	Four Mile																						
A. G. Shafer	Rural Ridge	do.	Deer Creek		104	250	16	2	5	8	24		10	68	8	8			20						
J. L. Fairley, Ph. D	Dixmont	do.	Mt. Nebo		58	128	2	7	2	4	9			11					10	333		5	359	2	80
do	do	do.	Rehoboth		29	75	5			4	11		3	4					6	166		4	183	2	44
Samuel Patterson	Darlington	do.	Rocky Spring		50	140	6		6	1	5		35	55	7	7	7	2	8	500			625	4	46
Wm. G. Reid	Springdale	do.	Harmersville																						
Jos. H. Timmons	Tarentum	do.	Tarentum		67	190	15	16	2	1	13	3	30	80	5	5	5		7	[illegible]		180	912	4	80
Hugh Sturgeon	East Palestine	Ohio	Darlington		30	65	2	2	4	4	6														
do	do	do.	Palestine																						
J. G. Barnes	Bakerstown	Pa.	West Union		36	90	2	6	2	2	4		25	35	5	5	9		7	275			361	4	00
do	do	do.	Glade Run		35	100	9	4	1	5	13		29	40	5	5			3	275			357	3	57
J. D. Glenn	New Brighton	do.	New Brighton		50	120							27	40	5	5	5	4	8	650		300	1044	8	70
Without Charge.—James Rodgers, D. D.; Allegheny City; Jno. C. Steele, do.	Allegheny City	do.	*Vacancies.* 3d Allegheny	T. Wakeham.	113	221	8	7	2	68	20	2	102	161	17	17	25		27	900		108	1357	6	14
	Wurtemburg	do.	Pl'nt Hill & Wur'b'g	R. Mehard	43	114	10	3		5	14	2	17	16	5										
Licentiates. J. R. Boyd, J. V. Pringle, J. L. Ross, Allegheny City. *Students.*—S. K. Carnahan, 62d Reg. Pa. Vols. Co. A.; D. G. Bruce, Robt. Stuart, Allegheny City.; William Wier.																									
Presb. of Big Spring.																									
Joseph M'Kee	Academia	do.	Tuscarora		42	115	1		1	2	4		41	41					6	300			388	3	37
do	do	do.	Concord		20	56			1		4		20	20					4	200			244	4	37
Francis M'Burney	Chanceford	do.	Gulnston		62	138	5	2			6		35	47	2	2	2	2	6	400		36	532	3	85
do	do	do.	Hopewell		23	58	1		1		4		14	14	3	2	2	2	4	178		7	226	3	89
J. M. Adair	McAlavy's Fort	do.	Stone Valley		57	123	7	1	3	1	17	1	35	63	12	12	64	9	15	500		358	1068	8	68
W. L. Wallace, F. A.	Newville	do.	Big Spring		93	213	12	3	8	3	9	1	60	123	18	18	287		24	800		441	1771	8	31
T. F. Baird	L. Chanceford	do.	L. Chanceford		47	107	7	3	3		6		12	11				3	10	350	50	64	414	3	77
			Vacancies.																						
	Mexico	do.	Mexico		31	68	3	2	3	1	3		20	20		5				450		41	636	9	35
	Mercersburg	do.	Mercersburg	J. Ritchie.																					
	McConnellsburg	do.	Cove	W. Patterson																					

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Without Charge.	Chambersburg	Pa.	Chambersburg	J. S. Nixon.																				
Wm. Carlisle,	Gettysburg	do.	Gettysburg	Wm. Young.																				
James Bruce, S. C.	Kishacoquillas	do.	Reedville	W. Cummins																				
	Huntingdon	do.	Huntingdon	J. Anderson.																				
	Boalsburg	do.	Boalsburg																					
	Duncannon	do.	Petersburg																					
	Newport	do.	Middle Ridge																					
Presbytery of Butler.																								
I. Niblock, D. D.	Butler	do.	Butler		64	234	10	2	19	15	22	1		141					15	600			756	3 00
W. Galbraith	Freeport	do.	1st Freeport		36	75	1	3	1	10	13		9	16		3	3		9	250			390	5 00
do	do	do.	Buffalo		27	69	7	12			2		12	21		5	2		8	166			214	3 11
W. P. Breadin	Coulterville	do.	Sunbury		68	120	7		5	20	12	3	39	35	7	7	1		10	300		100	499	4 00
do.	do	do.	Fairview		74	135	4		1	2	12		26	33					9	300			368	2 72
J. N. Dick	Kittaning	do.	Kittaning		53	103	5	7	5	3	11		8	35					9	600		3427	4079	39 60
Saml. Kerr	Harrisville	do.	Harmony		77	198	5	8			8		48	53	5	5	5	5	5	500		38	716	3 63
W. H. Jamison	Petersburg	do.	White Oak Springs		58	135	11	5	5	4	9		22	23	7	5		1	10	450		25	513	4 02
Jas. A. Clark, F. A	Prospect	do.	Prospect		50	182	12	9	4	13	12		19	19	5	3	3	2	10	400		50	511	3 00
do.	do.	do.	Mt. Chestnut		30	87	1	1	2	12	4		9	9						200		100	318	3 50
A. Irons	Portersville	do.	Portersville		54	116	3	3	2	6	10		24	22					3	300		150	499	4 30
do.	do.	do.	Mountville		53	123	3	6	3		6	1	18	22					3	300		136	479	3 89
W. A. Black	North Hope	do.	Mt. Varnum																					
do.	do	do.	West Unity		38	86	8	4	1	4	7	1		13						200			213	2 47
Jas. B. Whitten	Plain Grove	do.	Plain Grove		38	80	4	6	1	9	6		39	56	9	7	8		3	400		96	618	11 00
D. Forsyth	Harrisville	do.	Clintonville		23	44	4	1			4	4	5	3					1	166		30	205	4 66
do	do	do.	Unity		34	73							6							166		100	272	3 72
do	do	do.	Scotch Hill		13	34	3				4		3	3	2					100		8	116	3 41
W. R. Hutchison	Glade Mills	do.	Clinton		53	122	17	10	4	31	10	2	42	50	5				6	350		30	483	3 92
R. M. Patterson	Brownsdale	do.	Brownsdale		29	67	1	4		7	6		20	33	1	1		2	4	300		6	367	5 47
do	do	do.	Union		33	85	7	8	3	29	13	2	9	30					5	300		190	533	6 27
T. M. Seaton	Cowansville	do.	Rich Hill		28	67	3	1	1	1	6			7						150	50	58	215	3 20
do.	do.	do.	Worthington		28	59	9	8		2	6	3								200	50			2 59
E. N. McElree, P. Elect	Freeport	do.	2d Freeport		32	72	5	1		2	3	1	20	69	4				5	232		50	380	5 28
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
Wm. Smith, J. Jamison.	Slippery Rock	do.	Slippery Rock	R. Glenn	36	76							10	10						250				
Licentiates.		do.	Centreville	D. M'Kee	49	103	5	3	3	2	12	1	10	35	5	5	7			300		2497	2859	27 50
J. M. Buchanan; W. D. Ralston; Thos. Balph.	Breakneck	do.	Evansburgh	J. Donaldson	42	100														200			200	2 00
Students																								
J. P. Lee; J. Niblock; N. Brown; N. Wade.																								

Presbytery of Chartiers.																											
Samuel Taggart	W. Middletown	Pa.	W. Middletown		65	146	4		2	14	4		24	40					14	550			628	4	64
Jno. T. Brownlee	do	do.	Mount Hope		42	112	3	5	2	6	9		32	32	5	3	5		9	460		60	606	5	41
Jas. C. Herron	Locust Hill	do.	Chartiers 2d Reads.		76	155	12	10	3		27	1	38	57	5	5	10	2	14	600		384	1115	7	84
Jas. G. Carson, S. C.	Claysville	do.	South Buffalo		42	108	1		3	3	2		66	82	5	4			11	550		260	922	8	51
J. A. M'Kee	do.	do.	Wheeling		34	82	5	2	1		9	1	22	30	3					225		20	297	3	62
do	do.	do.	Heads of Wheeling		16	38	2				1		5	5						133			143	3	76
do	do	do.	Burnstown		15	29							2							93			95	3	27
A. R. Anderson	Venice	do.	Venice		64	171	9	14		14	15	1	45	68	10	8	7	5	16	500		224	883	5	42
D. H. French	Canonsburg	do.	Chartiers		112	261	13	4	6	6	12	1	88	97	10	11	14		18	800		232	1286	4	93
J. W. Hain	do	do.	Canonsburg		70	180	14	8	1	13	11		40	96	5			13	15	700		67	929	5	14
D. S. Littell, F. A.	Clokey	do.	Pigeon Creek		54	151	7		3	3	7	1	57	97	5	5	6		15	600		260	1048	6	94
D. S. Kennedy	Cherry Valley	do.	Centre		35	80														600			600		
J. R. Johnston, P. Elect.	Washington	do.	Washington		60	120							22	30					15	700			767	6	40
Without Charge.—Thos. Hanna, D.D. Treas. Wash Pa., A. M'Cahan, Canonsburg, Pa.	Taylorstown	do.	*Vacancies.* North Buffalo	A.E. M'Clees	47	108	2	1	1	2	4		34	34		1	3	1	11	314		34	432	4	00
	Hickory	do.	Mount Pleasant		80	194	2	10	1	9	12		75	80			5	5	18			183			
Licentiates. Wm. C Jackson, T. J. Wilson, Jas. W. M'Nary, J. C. Meloy, J. Reed. *Students.*—R. Welsh, (in the Army) Wm. T. Meloy, Jas. Hammond.	Muntown	do.	Mingo	T. Rankin	22	75																			
Presbytery of Conemaugh.																											
Wm. Conner	Blairsville	do.	Blairsville		48	147	3	3		2	7	1	36	35	3			5	5	300			884	2	70
do.	do	do.	Conemaugh		48	114	1	3		2	7	1	36	36	5		2		5	300			388	3	40
John Todd	Brookville	do.	Beaver Run		28	72	4		1	2	5		3	3					2	175			183	2	56
do.	do.	do.	Upper Piney		11	24	4		2		2	2													
Jno. C. Telford,	Mahoning	do.	Mahoning		68	155	7	6	1	2	13		26	28	2	2	2	2		375			437		
do.	do.	do.	Beracha		35	71	4	3	3	2	6		13	12				2	3	125			155	2	18
Saml. Anderson	West Lebanon	do.	West Union		76	186	6	4	4	7	18	2	50	50	2	3	2	3	14	400		7	531	2	86
do.	do.	do.	Olivet		38	94	4	2	2	5	7	1	20	20		5			7	150			202	2	14
Byron Porter	Shelocta	do.	Shelocta		63	190	6	7	3	2	12		30	30	2	3				300		200	565	2	97
do.	do.	do.	Elderton		41	89			3		3			30						300		2000	2330	26	18
Samuel Brown	Willetts	do.	Smyrna		20	63	7	2	2	6	4														
do.	do.	do.	Plum Creek		39	100		4		10	6		8	6					5	167		4	190	1	90
H. Q. Graham, P. C.	New Florence	do.	Bethel		92	214	8	3	2	1	7	2	45	30	6	8	9	2	14	333		8	455	2	12
do.	do.	do.	Fairfield		55	107	5	3	2	5	13	1	25	17		2		2	8	167		7	228	2	13
D. K. Duff	Dayton	do.	Glade Run		18	49	2			3	2		11	10		1	3	2	1	133		500	661	13	47
do.	do.	do.	Lower Piney																						
do.	do.	do.	Perrysville																						
J. C. Greer	Brush Valley	do.	Mechanicsburg		42	94	19	1	4	5	5	1	10	17	3	3	3	2	5	250		800	300	3	19
do		do.	Centre		39	105	5	2	2	1	5	1	12	15	2	2	2	2	5	250		8	298	2	84
J. C. Truesdale	Brookville	do.	Brookville		40	85					10		10	10	5			5		200	150		230	2	70
do		do.	Jefferson		46	88	10			2	12		10	10	5			5	10	200			240	2	72
S. C. Reed	Curlesville	do.	Cherry Run		24	44			2	1	10		18	18		2	3		3	350	50	14	408	8	87

Ministers and Licentiates.	Post-Office.	State.	Congregation.	Correspondent for Vacancy.	Membership.		Increase.		Decrease.		Baptisms		Contributions.												
					Families.	Communicants.	Examination and Profession.	Certificate.	Death.	Removal.	Infant.	Adult.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Assembly's Fund.	Synod's Fund.	Salary by Congregat'n.	Salary by Assembly.	General Contributions.	Total Am't.	Average per Member.
Licentiates.			*Vacancies.*																						
D. C. Wilson,	Indiana, Pa.	Indiana	Pa.	Indiana		75	205	6				10		81	$94		$3		$4	$8	$500		189	804	$4 21
Jno. F. Martin,	Brush Valley, Pa.,	Kent	do.	Jacksonville & con.	Thos. Mahon	51	131	3		5	5	16									350			350	2 67
M. S. Telford,	Mahoning, Pa.,	do	do.	Crete		33	68	2	4	2	7	3	1		3						62				94
	Utah	Taylorsville	A. Moorhead		24	66	3	1		5	7	1													
Wm. M. Graham,	Hillsview, Pa.,	Decker's Point	do.	Oakland	Wm. Keenan		7	20	1	1	1	6					6				30			30	1 80
J. H. Adair,	Indiana, Pa.	Penn Run	do.	Greenville	A. Wiggins.		12	28	3																
		Strongstown	do.	East Union	J. Stewart		11	40																	
Student.		Horton	do.	Susquehanna	W. Martin		12	33	7		1		7									44			44	1 33
D. W. McLane,	Bollvar, Pa.	Lumber City	do.	Clearfield																					
		Reynoldsville	do.	Mt. Carmel	S. McCreight		10	21			2	4													
Financial Agent.				Mt. Tabor																					
R. C. Taylor, Esq.,	Indiana, Pa.	Rural Village	do.	Concord	A. McClain		29	66		3	4		4									82	35	35	117	17 50
		Warsaw	do.	Beech Woods																					
		Oakland	do.	Putneyville																					
				Oliveburgh																					
		West Freedom	do.	West Freedom	A. Horshaw		4	8														50			50	6
Presbytery of Frankfort.																									
W. M. M'Elwee, D.D.		Frankfort Springs	do.	Frankfort			53	124	5	4	3	10	9		39	57	5	5	15		14			11		
Jas. G. Rankin		Bavington	do.	Robinson			62	154	1	2	6				65	91	5	5	5	1	12	500			684	4 44
Marcus Ormond		Hookstown	do.	Tumlinson's Run			42	101	8	2	4	8	12	1	23	33	2	2			11	300		30	404	4 00
do.		do.	do.	Hookstown			53	116	1	3		12	6		21	33	3	3			13	300		30	395	3 40
Saml. H. Graham		Burgettstown	do.	Burgettstown			48	108	8	10	2	10	11	1	28	41	3	4	7			600		10	693	6 42
Wm. M. Richie		Harshaville	do.	Hanover			75	148	21	13	4	7	17	3	45	77	5	5	10		14	335		50	544	
D. W. Carson,		M'Cleary	do.	Service			90	204	9	4	3	6	10		75	115	7				20	500		170	887	4 35
J. C. Campbell		Paris	do.	Paris			60	150	4	3	2	3	10	1	35	43	4	6	4		20	450		50	612	4 00
J. Thompson		Clinton	do.	Clinton			51	104	5	10	3	12	8	1	36	30				1	10	475			532	5 30
Licentiates.—Jas. W. Wilson,		Cherry Hill	W. Va.	*Vacancies.* Cross Creek	W. P. Strain		14	29			1	1	2		2	2										
	Thompson, New Scottsville, Pa.,	New Sheffield	Pa.	Raccoon	W. Spalding		47	118	3	2	2	7	8		25	17					10				52	4 47
John M. Donaldson,	Bavington, Pa.	New Scottsville	do.	Ohio	R. C. Scott		53	115	7	1	3	12	14		28	11					7					
		McCleary	do.	Centre	Robt. Potter		18	30																		
Presbytery of the Lakes.												12													
Matthew Snodgrass		Custards	Pa.	Fairfield																					
Jos. H. Pressly, S. C.		Erie	do.	Erie			73	175	6	4	1	4	6		60	100	5		98	2	30	800		540	1635	9 37
H. H. Thompson, F. A.		Cochranton	do.	Cochranton			80	168	6	1	6	6	5		23	40	2	1	48	1	18	500		40	673	4 00
Clark Kendall		Buffalo	N. Y.	Buffalo			127	263	10	6	2	10	30		25	40					12	900		1085	2062	7 84

H. H. Hervey	Hartstown	Pa.	Hartstown		51	124	3	2	1		3		12	15					5	250		37	319	2 57
do.	do.	do.	N. Shenango		48	118	4				4		16	18					9	250		35	330	2 80
Thos. Love	Waterford	do.	Waterford		86	195	5	3	3	2	15	1	50	95	6	8	139	5	13	450		80	1156	5 93
do.	do.	do.	M'Kean		13	29														150				
Jos. A. Collins	Hartstown	do.	Shenango		80	210	6	1	4	5	2	1	38	60	5				10	500		416	1030	4 90
T. J. Kennedy	Jamestown	do.	Jamestown		75	155	3	7	2	2	10		20	30	3	3			8	375		1350	1739	11 15
do.	do.	do.	Kinsman		22	60	5	3	1	2	2	1	3	6						125		12	146	2 44
* J. R. Slentz	Plummer	do.	Cherry Run		48	93	8	6	1	3	15	4	28	31	6	11		2	6	400		77	561	6 04
John Wallace	Adamsville	do.	Adamsville		41	121	11	7			13	2	5	10					7	320		8	350	2 89
F. F. Bailey	Shakleyville	do.	Georgetown		24	53	3			3		1							3	120		6	129	2 43
do	do	do.	N. Vernon		20	42														100				
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
Jas. Burrows,	Perry	do.	Allegheny	Dan. Wilson.	13	20														50				
J. W. Pinkerton.	Coopertown	do.	Coopertown	Hugh Nelson	12	23	4		2		5	1								40				
Students.	Utica	do.	Utica	J. M. Adams	16	33	1			3	1		6	13					2	126		161	308	9 35
Leonard Proudfit.	Meadville	do.	Meadville	Jos. Irwin.	21	34														68				
A. S. Abbey.	Evansburg	do.	Connaut Lake	C. Shontz	18	48														100				
	French Creek	do.	Sandy	A M'Cormick	26	63														75				
	Franklin	do.	Franklin																					
	Kerr's Hill	do.	Kerr's Hill	Wm. Mars...	20	40														100				
	Franklin	do.	Oakland	J. Culberts'n	13	31														100				
	Wayne	do.	Beaver Dam	J. Kincaid.	13	27				1	4		5	10	2		3		4	140			164	6 06
Presbytery of Mansfield.																								
J. Y. Ashenhust, F. A	Haysville	Ohio.	Haysville		33	68	1		2	3	4		21	20	2	1	2	2	2	500		40	600	8 00
D. W. Collins,	Mansfield	do.	Ontario		52	100	6	8	1		6	1	17	47	2	2	2	2	2	400		33	545	4 60
do	do.	do.	Auburn		27	47	1		2	6	2			15						175			201	4 50
D. Paul	do.	do.	Mansfield		45	102	6	1	3	15	5		14	28					3	525		5	575	5 65
do	do.	do.	Ashland		11	21		2					2	55						151			158	7 53
R. G. Thompson	Liberty Corners	do.	Upper Sandusky		14	31		2	2															
J. W. M'Farland*	Wooster	do.	Wooster	J. Brinker'll	47	120	2	5		1	4		54	53			52			500		209	866	8 00
G. W. Torrence, S. S	Martinsburg	do.	Martinsburg		24	33	3	4	1		4			14						250			266	8 00
do.	do.	do.	Utica		7	12	1		1		2			6						90			96	8 00
W. H. French	Iberia	do.	Iberia		41	92							23	32						500		5	560	6 00
W. M. C. Gibson	Millersburg	do.	Millersburg		55	110	7	2	5		6		20	9	6					350		159	533	4 45
do	do	do.	Dalton		29	63	1		1		4		16	21	6					350		159	563	8 62
W. A. M'Connell, S. C	Keene	do.	Amity		61	132	6	1	2		10		10	22					10	375			417	3 16
do.	do.	do.	White Eyes		16	40	4				2	2	9	10					9	125			148	3 67
S. M. Hutchinson	Mt. Vernon	do.	Mt. Vernon		28	52			2	4	1		9	12	1	1				300	50	3	326	6 00
do.	do	do.	Pine Run		18	50	5		6		3													
Licentiates.	*Vacancies.*																							
J. W. Taylor; Joseph M. Hutchinson, James Black.	Fredericksburg	do.	Salt Creek	T. L. Smith.	51	100	12	2	3	10	6		26	45			5	5				85	166	1 66
	Savannah	do.	Savannah	N. Slonaker.	30	63	1	5	3	4	2		7	15								100	122	2 00
	Liberty Corners	do.	De Kalb		17	30																		
* Chaplain in the Army.			Chesterville		12	26																		
			Sulphur Springs		12	23																		
			Alum Creek		10	19																		
Presbytery of Mercer.																								
* D. R. Imbrie.*	New Wilmington	Pa.	1st Wilmington		70	210																		
G. C. Vincent	do.	do.	Lelanon		12	39	1	5	1	3	2		5	15						160		30	210	5 38
Wm Findley.*	do.	do.	Shenango		22	38	6		2	6	6	2	7	8						200		59	265	6 97

Ministers and Licentiates.	Post-Office.	State.	Congregation.	Correspond-ent for Vacancy.	Membership.		Increase.		Decrease.		Baptisms		Contributions.												
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R. A. Browne.*	Newcastle	Pa.	Newcastle		90	183																			
Josiah Alexander	New Bedford	do.	Deer Creek		75	165	10	2	1	.....	14	.....	20	51	8	4	7	.....	10	500	.....	207	807	4	89
Samuel Alexander	Mt. Jackson	do.	Bethel		45	120	5	1	4	6	8	.....	.....	30	5	...	.....	5	14	333	.....	33	422	3	50
Robt. M'Watty	Mercer	do.	Venango Street		85	170	3	3	1	4	5	.....	70	70	.....	...	22	.....	15	600	.....	90	867	5	05
D. W. French.*	do.	do.	1st Mercer		67	133	5	8	1	.....	4	1	38	78	.....	...	33	.....	10	500	.....	136	795	6	40
B. K. Ormond, F.A.	Sharon	do.	Sharon		27	65	2	10	.....	.....	6	1	6	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
do.	do.	do.	Clarksville		40	90	4	6	.....	1	3	.....	10	21	1	1	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Armstrong	Worth	do.	Bethel		27	72	2	4	1	2	7	.....	13	22	.....	2	2	.....	5	250	.....	.....	.....	4	08
do.	do.	do.	Beulah		33	71	1	3	2	5	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	.....	.....	3	52
J. H. Tedford	West Greenville	do.	Greenville		66	138	8	4	2	7	20	.....	52	41	.....	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas Winter			Mahoning		41	82	4	.....	1	3	6	.....	5	31	2	2	2	.....	6	333	.....	.....	381	4	64
do	do.	do.	W. R. Harbour		28	47	8	2	.....	1	16	3	.....	15	.....	...	.....	.....	4	167	.....	.....	186	3	95
C. Cummins	Mt. Jackson	do.	Mt. Jackson		75	169	6	8	2	7	6	1	40	35	5	4	5	5	10	524	.....	140	768	4	58
W. A. Mehard	New Wilmington	do.	2d N. Wilmington		47	142	8	13	1	20	7	.....	15	25	.....	...	.....	.....	7	400	.....	36	483	3	40
do.	do.	do.	East Brook		22	63	1	1	1	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Barclay	New Castle	do.	Centre		65	156	24	14	2	.....	25	10	15												
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																						
J. Patterson, D.D., New Wilmington, A.M.Black N.Wilm.; J. M'Clintock, Worth, Pa.; L. Burges, E. Small, Mercer, Pa.			Harlansburgh		18	42																			
			Delaware Grove																						
			Leesburg																						
			Springfield		57	110	4	7		3	20		2	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	41		37
Licentiate.			Mineral Ridge																						
L. Crawford.			Rocky Spring																						
* Last year's report.																									
Presbyt'y of Monongahela.																									
William J. Reid	Pittsburgh	do.	1st Ch. Pittsburgh		84	195	7	21	3	.....	11	1	48	70	6	8	116	.....	17	1000	.....	1520	2785	14	23
James Prestley, D.D.	do.	do.	2d do.		197	370	8	15	13	22	28	1	387	532	14	18	99	.....	41	2000	.....	1572	4663	12	60
Jno. G. Brown	do.	do.	3d do.																						
Robt. Gracey, D.D., F.A.	Arsenal	do.	4th do.		123	214	11	14	5	10	8	.....	60	90	10	9	14	5	.....	800	.....	1820	2828	13	21
S. B. Reed	Pittsburgh	do.	5th do.		142	340	19	25	1	10	21	3	90	91	12	12	12	8	25	800	.....	1200	2250	6	62
James Grier, D. D.	Noblestown	do.	Robinson's Run		84	210	6	6	8	3	14	.....	63	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	550	.....	.....	730	3	48
F. A. Hutchinson			Noblestown																						
W. H. Andrew, S. C	Arsenal	do.	1st. Lawrenceville		52	115	9	19	4	5	7	2	3	7	.....	...	1	.....	.....	300	250	.....	311	2	70
H. C. M'Farland	Wilkins	do.	E. Liberty		50	104	2	13	.....	6	8	.....	25	25	5	5	3	2	10	350	.....	50	475	4	50
do.	do.	do.	Hebron		42	106	4	3	3	2	11	.....	10	16	5	2	2	.....	8	300	.....	200	541	5	00
J. C. Bryson	Beers	do.	Mt. Gilead		40	70	1	2	.....	9	5	.....	20	30	3	...	.....	.....	7	500	.....	3	563	8	05
A. Y. Houston	Library	do.	Peter's Creek		65	135	4	.....	3	17	10	1	18	60	5	5	5	2	10	400	.....	20	535	4	00

J. C. Boyd	Mt. Lebanon	Pa.	St. Clair		96	186	2	8	4	23	11	1	47	68	7	17	52		20	700		166	1077	5 78
W. M. Coleman	Pittsburgh	do.	Birmingham		100	212	0	12	3	9	20		47	65			45		20	700		1617	2494	11 75
Lafayette Marks	Palmersville	do.	Union		95	258	16	6	6	18	16		84	123	10	13	65	5	30	700		116	1146	4 44
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
Alex. Calhoun, S. S.	Temperanceville	do.	Temperanceville		32	61	7	19		5	4		16	16	1	2	3		4	600		1000	1642	26 82
C. T. McCaughan, S. S.	Rich Valley	do.	Mansfield		20	50		7		5	4								3	200			203	4 06
D.R.Kerr, D.D., Pittsb'gh, Pa., J.C.Nevin, Canton China.	Gill Hall	do.	Mifflin																					
	Hulton	do.	Jefferson	J. Shepler	27	63	3		2	6		3		26						198			224	3 55
			Valley	W. W. Grier	10	25	4	1					7	11	1	1	2		3	300		45	370	14 80
Licentiates.																								
J. R.Sturgeon; J. S. Woodburn; R. H Boyd; J. R. Kerr; T. S. Park.																								
Students.																								
W. H. Hamilton; James S. Hawk; A. M.White; A. A. McConnell; Wallace Radcliff.																								
Presbytery of Muskingum.																								
Wm. Lorimer	Antrim	Ohio.	Antrim		84	190	9			9	9		35	50	7	5	38		22	600			758	4 00
John Comin	Rix Mills	do.	Salt Creek		70	205	21	11	3	3	13	2	24	24	4	5	4		22	500		75	658	3 00
James Duncan	Creighton	do.	Lebanon		80	200	4	4	1	2	10		40	43	12	12	16	5	18	375		54	575	3 00
do.	do.	do.	Mt. Hermon		30	72	7	3	2	3	9	1	10	10			4	2	6	125		40	199	3 00
David Thompson	Milnersville	do.	Clear Fork		33	70		6	1	3	7			34					10	200		128	374	5 31
Jas. C. Murch	New Concord	do.	New Concord		124	292	6	26	5	19	14		72	105	10	10	60	4	31	600		124	1017	3 48
John Patterson	Londonderry	do.	Londonderry		46	120	5	4	5		8		28	36	3		3		3	450		100	623	5 20
do.	do.	do.	Ridge		30	60																		
Wm. Johnston	Washington	do.	Washington		50	122	3		1	5	6		19	30	5	5	5	1	10	250		36	361	3 00
do.	do.	do.	New Salem		71	154	7	5		8	15	2	20	35	5	3	5	1	12	250		10	341	2 22
Jas. P. Lytle, F. A	New Concord	do.	Bloomfield		101	246	28	17	13				33	37		5	13		12	500		134	734	3 00
W. H. M'Farland,	Cambridge	do.	Cambridge																					
do.	do.	do.	Northfield																					
James White	Gratiot	do.	Jonathan's Creek		46	102	6	4		4	6	3	8	25	7					375		7	422	4 16
do.	do.	do.	Goshen		12	24					1		3	4						125			132	5 50
J. M. Buchanan	West Rushville	do.	Rush Creek		39	75	4	5	2	1	3	1	10	9			5	5	4	250			283	3 77
do.	do.	do.	Thornville		12	25		2		5	3		4	4			3			200			211	8 45
Sample Ramsey	Claysville	do.	East Union		55	113	4	6	1	10	8		18	18	2					250		4	291	2 62
Hugh Forsythe.	Barlow	do.	Barlow																					
G. W. Gowdy	Fairview	do.	Fairview		77	187	14	4	5	4	1	3	28	55	11	19	14			500			618	3 28
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
R. Ross, New Concord, O.																								
Licentiates.			Bethel																					
W. Morrow.			Sharon																					
Jas. M'Rea.			Mt. Perry		6	19	4		2	2	5													
T. P. Patterson.																								
T. P. Proudfit.																								

Ministers and Licentiates.	Post-Office.	State.	Congregation.	Correspondent for Vacancy.	Membership.		Increase.		Decrease.		Baptisms		Contributions.												
					Families.	Communicants.	Examination and Profession.	Certificate.	Death.	Removal.	Infant.	Adult.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Assembly's Fund.	Synod's Fund.	Salary by Congregat'n.	Salary by Assembly.	General Contributions.	Total Am't.	Average per Member.
J. P. Sankey.																									
S. F. Clark.																									
J. R. Reasoner.																									
Students.																									
D. F. Bonner; W. Haney; John Hadden; W. A. Findley; S. N. Lorimer; John S. Speer.																									
Presbytery of Cleveland.																									
J. M. Henderson, S. C.	Poland	Ohio.	Poland		55	120	5	8	1	6	10	.....	28	26	4	...	.....	1	5	500	.....	24	$590	4	92
J. W. Logue	Northfield	do.	Northfield		38	78	1	.....	4	5	.....	.....	22	30	2	2	.....	2	350	.....	113	524	6	77
D. Goodwillie	Girard	do.	Liberty		61	108	5	.....	4	1	6	.....	18	45	5	...	.....	.....	9	350	.....	.....	427	4	00
G. K. Ormond,	Youngstown	do.	Youngstown		29	60	5	2	1	4	10	.....	17	10	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	250	50	50	328	5	30
do.	do	do.	Warren		19	47	3	.....	2	1	.....	1	15	12	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	250	50	35	312	6	63
J. S. M'Connell	Cleveland	do.	Cleveland		40	62	3	3	2	.....	14	.....	20	10	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	100	1032	16	64
S. T. Herron, F. A.	New Lisbon	do.	New Lisbon		20	45	1	8	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	10	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	30	260	5	00
do.		do.	West Beaver		35	77	.....	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	52	317	4	00
R. Gailey	Lexington	do.	Lexington & Munr'o		60	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	5	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			Vacancies.																						
			Stow																						
			Springfield																						
Presbytery of Steubenville.																									
J. K. Andrews,	Steubenville	do.	Steubenville		83	200	1	2	3	11	10	.....	35	43	5	...	5	2	.....	700	.....	460	1250	6	00
J. S. Easton, D. D.	Scroggsfield	do.	Scroggsfield		70	203	14	6	3	16	12	1	25	25	.....	...	5	.....	8	500	.....	390	954	5	00
J. H. Peacock, P. C	Richmond	do.	Richmond		56	113	.....	1	1	3	3	.....	7	41	3	5	7	.....	.....	400	.....	55	519	4	50
do.	do.	do.	Knoxville		35	80	1	7	2	5	2	1	14	20	2	1	4	2	5	200	.....	67	315	4	00
J. M'Kirahan	Germano	do.	Jefferson		31	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	16	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	176	2	00
do.		do.	New Market		15	44	.....	.....	.....	2	3	.....	5	5	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	136	.....	.....	146	3	00
J. M. Jamieson		do.	Piney Fork		60	191	9	6	3	5	14	2	37	60	3	2	4	2	3	500	.....	10	621	3	00
Joseph Andrews, F. A.	Wellsville	do.	Wellsville		46	94	4	7	.....	1	6	.....	23	50	3	6	4	.....	3	550	50	250	949	10	00
James Golden	Gavers	do.	Lebanon		40	103	4	3	1	.....	9	.....	25	35	.....	5	.....	.....	5	300	.....	46	416	4	00
Joseph Boyd	Salineville	do.	Salineville		38	83	5	7	2	7	7	.....	12	20	.....	9	2	.....	.....	300	.....	27	370	4	50
do.	do.	do.	Mechanicstown		30	70	8	1	1	7	3	.....	12	18	.....	3	2	.....	.....	300	.....	27	393	6	00
J. W. Martin	Carrollton	do.	Carrollton		18	43	2	5	3	.....	4	.....	16	18	1	2	3	.....	.....	167	.....	.....	207	5	00
do.	do.	do.	North Union		13	32	1	2	.....	.....	4	.....	17	23	2	3	4	.....	.....	167	.....	6	223	7	00
do.	do.	do.	Connotton		13	33	2	3	1	.....	4	.....	6	11	.....	1	1	.....	.....	167	.....	4	200	6	00
Without Charge.—A Willson, Cadiz, O. T. Willson.			*Vacancies.*																						
			Yellow Creek	T. H. George.	16	44	.....	7	3	3	2	.....	11	17	1	3	3	.....	.....	200	.....	73	308	7	00

S. W. Clarke, E. Liverpool:			Kilgore	W.M Laug'n	8	15			1				17					142			159	10 00
T. R. Simpsen, Amsterdam.			Warrenton	D. Taylor	20	40												80			80	2 00
			Glade Run	J. Kerr	28	69	4		5	2		5	5					160		30	200	3 00
Licentiates.			Calcutta	A. Connell	35	101	2	3		5		8	42	3	6	2		250			310	3 00
Jos. Buchanan, Steubenville; W. A. Mackenzie, Wellsville; A. Caldwell			East Liverpool	H. B. Crott	30	71	4	3	1	4	3		26	3	3	2		250		13	297	4 00
			Mt. Pleasant	H. Walker	16	44															200	5 00
Students.			Clarkson	S. Rosebur'h	10	25										2		50				2 00
J. R. Miller, Calcutta; J. Hunter; S. Martin, Carrollton																						
Presby. of Westmoreland.																						
Jos. Scroggs, D.D	Ligonier	Pa.	Fairfield		49	113	6		2	1	8		34	45	5	5	5	12	300			406	3 59
do	do	do.	Donegal		28	50	4		1		8			4				4	133			141	2 80
S. Jamison	Elizabeth	do.	Bethesda		71	174	11	2		10	10	1	50	71	5	7	12	2	17	575		372	1111	6 46
James Kelso, F. A	Monroeville	do.	Bethel, Allegh'y co.		33	83	4	1	3	7	8		23	25	2	3	5	1	8	250		600	917	11 00
do	do	do.	Unity		45	107	4	3	1	3	10	1	28	32	3	5	7	1	10	250		125	461	4 30
A. G. Wallace, S.C	Stewartsville	do.	Bethel, West'd co.		81	179	15		3	2	17		110	130	8	8	17	2	19	600		100	994	5 55
James Given	Burrell	do.	Puckety		57	115	2	6	2	8	15		38	54			8		16	400		200	716	6 23
do	do	do.	Logan's Ferry		18	34	6	1	1	4	7		10	13	1		1		3	200			228	6 70
D. H. Pollock	Turtle Creek	do.	Turtle Creek		90	251	12	5	2	6	13	1	67	255	7	9	17	2	24	700		224	1305	5 50
J. D. Walkinshaw	Manor Dale	do.	Beulah		45	113	8	1	4	23	11	4	15	25					12	250			302	2 67
do	do	do.	Union		39	92	4	7	1	10	8	1	10	23	3	3	3	3	9	250			304	3 41
W. L. M'Connell,	West Newton	do.	Sewickly		22	70	1	2	3	11	4		20	11	1	1	5		1	300		120	459	6 55
do	do	do.	West Newton		54	125	4	4	4	10		1	35	51	4	5	9		13	300		50	467	3 73
Oliver Katz	New Alexandria	do.	New Alexandria		18	35	3		2	11	5		8	17	2	1	2		3	170			203	5 80
do	do.	do.	Saltsburgh		13	33		1	1	8	3		12	8	1	1	2		3	145	50		172	5 22
A. B. Fields	Mt. Pleasant	do.	Mt. Pleasant		25	56	3		2	3	7		18	17	3	3	5		7	275			328	5 86
do	do		Madison		19	60	5	1		4	1		6	10	2	2			6	250		30	306	5 12
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																							
M. McKinstry, McKeesport, Pa.; J. G. Fulton.	Uniontown	do.	Laurel Hill	A. Bryson	45	95	5	4	4		2	1	20	20	2	4	3		7				56	
Wilkins, Pa.	M'Keesport	do.	M'Keesport	J. B. Mitchell	58	105	3	1		3	10	1	29	29	3	4	6		10	228			309	2 93
Licentiate	Pleasant Unity	do.	Latrobe	Jos. Elder	13	36		1		1	3															
A. H. Elder, Pleasant Unity, Pa.	Greensburgh	do.	Greensburgh	C. M. Lyon.	14	26	1	3		1	2		6	8	1	1				133	75		149	5 73
	Apollo	do.	Apollo	J. Shirley	20	33				1			5					4	52	25		61	2 00
Students.			New Salem		9	21																		
R. E. Stewart, 123d Reg.																								
W. D. Ewing, 168th Reg.																								
Presbytery of Wheeling.																								
J. B. Johnston	St. Clairsville	Ohio.	St. Clairsville		46	150	9	1	2		7		38	20		5	5	5	20	600		565	1248	8 32
J. T. M'Clure	Wheeling	W. Va.	Wheeling		95	200	4	9		9	15		51	53					39	1000		120	1264	6 32
Josias Stevenson	W. Alexander	Pa.	West Alexander		79	163	11	8	5	9	16	2	57	68	8	8	8	3	18	600		217	989	6 07
W. G. Waddle	Moorefield	Ohio.	Cassville		30	60	10	1			10		14	18	3	3	3			400		100	543	9 00
do	do		Tippecanoe		13	35	7		3	7	1	1		10	1	1				200		39	251	7 12
D. F. Reid	New Athens	do.	Uniontown		35	70	3		1	3	2		15	11					7	300		11	409	5 71
do	do		Egypt		24	58	3		3		1		2	5	2				2	250		2	264	4 55

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Wm. Grimes	Glencoe	Ohio.	Belmont		45	120	7	2	4	2	12	2	$22	$15	$...	$4	$...	$4	$13	$250		$63	$375	$3 12
do	do	do.	High Ridge		16	44	1				1		6	13		2			4	125		51	201	4 56
Wm. Wishart	New Athens	do.	Unity																					
J. S. M'Cready	Cadiz	do.	Cadiz																					
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
W. Taggart, D. D., Uniontown, O.; H. Parks, Jr., St. Clairsville, O.; E. B. Calderhead, N. Athens, O.; Abij. Conner, Memphis, Tenn.	New Athens	Ohio.	Pleasant Valley	D. Hawtho'n	17	44	3	1	2		4		15	9										
	Tappan	do.	Franklin	M. Morrison.																				
	Businessburg	do.	Pleasant Hill	M. Giffin																				
	Cairo	Va.	Caledonia	A. Douglass.																				
	Beeler's Statlon	do.	Buchanan Hill	B. Hill																				
	Jolly	Ohio.	Brownsville																					
Licentiates.	Laing	do.	Pleasant Ridge	J. M'Caslin.																				
Robt. G. Campbell; H. P. McAdam; G. McAdam: J. B. Waddle: J. A. Wilson; D. P. Dysart; M. Marling; W. Fulton.	West Liberty	Va.	Short Creek	W. Waddle.																				
	Wheeling	do.	Tent	J. Waddle																				
	Triadelphia	do.	Middle Wheeling	J. Vance																				
	Martinsville	Ohio.	Martinsville	James Kerr.																				
	Centreville	do.	Centreville	R. Kerr																				
2d Synod of the West.																								
Presbytery of Chillicothe.																								
Jas. Arbuthnot	West Union	do.	West Union		18	44	2		2		2		5							200			205	4 67
do	Wheat Ridge	do.	Unity		33	103	4	1	1	1	1		10	10	6					200			226	2 19
David Macdill, S.C., F.A.	Eckmansville	do.	Cherry Fork		103	217	12	17	3	2	14	1	41	50	3	2			21	600		150	847	3 90
Andrew Ritchie	Greenfield	do.	Greenfield		30	100	8		3	4			13	18					14	530		20	595	5 95
John Gilmore	Tranquillity	do.	Tranquillity		86	200	7	6	5	4	10	1	20	20	2	1	1	1	5	500		110	660	3 30
W. H. Prestley	Chillicothe	do.	Chillicothe		39	90	3	2	2		5		20	40						800			960	9 55
J. M. Waddle	Decatur	do.	Decatur		34	75	5	3	2	2	7		35	30	5	5	5		5	500			585	7 80
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
J. H. Bonner, Rariden, O.;	Hillsboro'	do.	Fall Creek	D. Buntain	42	102					2									400			400	3 62
J. S. Buchanan, Jackson	Jackson, C. H.	do.	Sciota	J. B. Smith.	30	63	2	5	1	2			5							115	30		120	1 90
C. H., O.; N. R. Kirkpatrick, Greenfield, O.	Shade	do.	Athens	John Cowan	8	17														50	10		50	2 36
	Rariden	do.	Mount Joy	W. Anders'n	16	35														70	20		70	2 00
	Lucasville	do.	Bethel	David Rose.	11	24														45	15		45	1 90
			Patriot	W. Donalds'n	9	16														40			40	2 50
	Stouts	do.	Rome	J. Puntenny	5	11							5							80	12		85	7 77
Presbytery of Detroit.																								
John P. Scott, S.C., F.A.	Detroit	Mich.	Detroit		70	129	18			13	9		21						3	425	175	480	929	7 20

D. H. Goodwillie	Commerce	Mich.	Commerce		28	65	6	2		5	7		16	4				3	400	100	17	440	6 77
J. L. Whitla	East Nankin	do.	Nankin		22	53	10	1	1	2	7		12	8					300	100	27	347	6 54
Wm. Robertsoo	Birmingham	do.	Troy		31	71		4	2		8		17	10				3	225	25	20	257	3 87
do	do	do.	Southfield		16	32	1	2			7		11					2	175	25	21	209	6 53
John MacLellan	Davisville	do.	Davisville		12	30					6	2									100	100	3 33
do	do	do.	Fremont		9	11					3										55	55	5 00
			Vacancies.																				
	Romeo	do.	Bruce	Wm. Reed.	27	62					5		21					2	300			323	5 21
	Allison	do.	Marlatt		10	20																	
Presbytery of Indiana.																							
Moses Arnott	South Hanover	Ind.	Carmel		65	155	7		1		8		42	51	10		6	18	600		124	852	5 75
J. R. Walker, S.C	Spring Hill	do.	Spring Hill		34	164	5	2	3	6	4	1	89	114	8	2	2	20	500		170	905	5 52
N. C. M'Dill	Richland	do.	Richland		33	98	4	2	2	6	5		50	70				16	500		100	726	7 40
J. F. Hutchison	Ogden	do.	Shiloh		40	115	4	7	5	2	20	2	25	26	10	5	5	11	450		250	535	4 65
Gilbert Small, F.A	Indianapolis	do.	Indianapolis		38	90	3	3	2	16	4		42	25					230		270	567	6 30
Samuel Collins,	Madison	do.	Madison		37	71	5	5	3	4	6	1	17	17				5	500		134	674	9 50
Jas. I. Frazer	Milroy	do.	{ Bethesda		27	75	1				3		30	50				10	402		25	517	6 89
			{ Vienna		26	48	2		3		2		6	8					195			209	4 35
			Vacancies.																				
Without Charge.																							
A. Heron, D. D.	Moorefield	do.	Caledonia	W. Scott	25	56	1		1	1			11	17					310		28	338	6 04
Licentiate.	N. Washington	do.	New Washington	W. Gillespie.	12	27				3											40		
B. Atkins.			Dupont	G. Simpson.	31	60																	
Presbytery of Michigan.																							
J. N. Buchanan	Hebron	Ind.	Hebron		43	81	6	1	1	1	8	1	16	19	3	3		4	385		8	438	5 40
Jno. Anderson	Oswego	do.	Oswego		45	75	5	2	3	3	6		15	36	6	4		5	353			419	5 52
do	do.	do.	Waterford		15	26				3			7	10	3	3			240			263	10 11
David Morrow, S.C	Warren	do.	Murray		29	52			2		4			4	2	3		1	180		3	193	6 65
R. Smith	Holland	Mich.	Dhrent		50	116	3		2	9	12								200			200	1 72
J. R. Shepherd, S. S	Holland	do.	South Holland		16	35	3	4			5								28	50		78	80
Thos. Calahan	Idaville	Ind.	Burnett's Creek		67	140			3	2	10			10	7		4		500			521	3 72
Thos. Mercer	Prince William	do.	Camden		15	28		2					4	4	3	1	2		166		5	185	6 60
do.	do.	do.	Mt. Hope		21	42	4	1			1		4	5	3	2	3		195		3	215	5 11
J. R. Bell	Elizaville	do.	Salem		46	106	15	8				1	23	23	3	2	2	2	400		50	510	4 81
J. P. Wright F. A	Tipton	do.	Bethsaida		43	99	5	9	2	6	16	1	9	8	3	4	10	6	450		20	510	5 10
S. C. Baldridge	Selma	do.	Sharon		16	35				2	5								144			144	4 18
W. H. Blair	Centreville	Mich.	Centreville		19	42					2		7	12	5	2	2	1	1	450		448	926	22 05
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																				
Wm. Lind, Bowne, Mich.	Martin	do.	Martin	D. Wylie	45	82	1		1		4										59	400	10 20
Wellington Wright.	Jefferson	Ind.	Providence	H. Hamilton	35	80	1		2	6			8	10	5	1	1	5	163		45	236	2 95
Licentiate.	Laporte	do.	Laporte	W. M. Hood.	12	24		1			4			5					95			100	4 00
W. C. Dunn.	Lafayette	do.	Lafayette	J. Andrews.	12	36	1	1	3	6		1	10	11	2	1	1		200	50	1	226	6 00
	Warren	do.	Warren	D. Little, Sen	10	26	1						1	3	1				100			105	4 00
	Sommersett	do.	Jalapa	H. Mayne	9	16							5	1					32			38	2 47
1st Presbytery of Ohio.																							
Jno. Y. Scouller, F.A	Fairhaven	Ohio.	Fairhaven		63	160	9	4	2		7		75	140	10	10	45	3	40	622		180	1125	7 03
Wm. Davidson	Hamilton	do.	Hamilton		67	121	4		2	8	8	1	94	293	36	37	68		34	1212		202	1976	16 33
Adrian Aten	Richmond	Ind.	Richmond		24	50	2	4	1	2	4		18	15						400		230	663	13 13
R. H. Pollock	Cincinnati	Ohio.	2d Cincinnati		40	72	2	5	2	3	5		10	25				20	450		80	583	8 23

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Jno. S. Robertson, S.C.	Monroe	Ohio.	Mt. Pleasant		40	89	3	11	2	.....	.....	2	$22	$40	.....	...	$37	.....	.....	$550	.....	$40	$689	$7 75
R. K. Campbell	Twenty Mile Stand	do.	Syc're & H'pkinsvil.		47	105	4	.....	7	1	4	1	84	82	$5	$4	42	.....	$18	500	.....	.....	735	7 00
W. C. M'Cune	Cincinnati	do.	Mission, Cincinnati		50	97	16	6	2	3	5	2	15	16	.....	...	43	.....	.....	400	150	250	725	7 47
W. J. M'Surely	Oxford	do.	Oxford		50	125	4	5	1	2	2	2	23	35	.....	...	20	.....	.....	550	.....	100	727	5 80
Jos. M'Hatton	Morning Sun	do.	Hopewell		95	271	24	5	8	1	23	4	272	247	21	23	110	$4	46	.....	.....	1027	2528	9 32
J. D. Turner	Cincinnati	do.	1st Cincinnati		71	176	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900	.....	.....	.....	5 10
John L. Aten	Hamilton	do.	Unity, Col. Corner.		11	27	.....	1	.....	3	1	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	42	374	13 84
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
P. Monfort, College Corner.	New Paris	do.	Ebenezer	A. Scott	10	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	.....	7	119	5 91
Ohio; J. H. Buchanan.	Springfield	do.	Springdale	W. Watson	17	27	.....	.....	3	1	5	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	.....	108	4 00
Oxford; M. M. Brown, Hamilt'n; J. K. Black, Minn.; Jas. Welsh, Col. Corner; J. B. Foster, Dayton; W. Perkins, Chaplain 107th Ills.	Dayton	do.	Dayton		16	29	.....	.....	.....	5	1	.....	17	6	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	250	250	198	382	13 17
Licentiates.																								
Jas. M. Orr, J. M. Grah'm.																								
Student.																								
James Davis.																								
Presbytery of Sidney.																								
J. G. Armstrong	Sidney	Ohio.	Sidney		65	173	6	7	1	4	4	1	38	12	6	...	.....	1	8	700	.....	56	823	4 76
Sam'l. Wallace, P. C., F. A	Piqua	do.	Piqua		45	149	8	3	3	6	.....	2	30	38	6	7	7	3	20	600	.....	187	900	6 00
Benj. Waddle	Kenton	do.	Kenton		36	85	4	1	1	6	3	.....	.....	22	.....	...	.....	1	10	500	.....	55	588	6 91
I. N. Laughead	New California	do.	Sugar Run		16	37	3	.....	1	10	2	.....	11	17	7	...	.....	.....	7	147	.....	.....	189	5 00
do.	do.	do.	Darby		13	24	3	.....	1	.....	2	.....	6	9	2	...	.....	.....	.....	114	.....	.....	134	5 58
W. H. Jeffers	Bellefontaine	do.	Bellefontaine		35	64	4	2	.....	3	4	.....	5	6	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	42	303	4 73
do	do	do.	Miami		25	48	11	8	3	1	7	.....	6	8	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	8	272	5 66
T. H. Dysart	Urbana	do.	Urbana		30	70	9	6	1	7	4	.....	.....	13	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	100	613	8 75
Jackson Duff	Perrysburg	do.	Scotch Ridge		30	75	12	1	.....	.....	2	1	7	23	6	...	.....	.....	5	238	.....	22	326	4 35
			Vacancies.																					
do	Gilead	do.	Gilead	J. P. Katon.	18	40	.....	8	2	.....	9	.....	3	5	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	70	30	.....	108	2 72
	Huntsville	do.	Huntsville	David Wal'ce	37	86	2	.....	6	8	4	.....	13	15	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	312	.....	23	363	4 22
	Roundhead	do.	Roundhead	W. Temple'n.	20	37	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	5	7	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	100	10	.....	113	3 40
James Rogers, S. S.	Cannonsburg	do.	Cannonsburg	J. R. Bonner.	27	63	7	9	3	2	7	.....	4	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	285	.....	12	301	4 73
do	Leipsic	do.	Leipsic	Geo. Gray	21	44	1	4	1	.....	2	.....	5	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	101	.....	75	191	4 35
Without Charge.			Ridgway	W. Stewart.	10	27	5	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jas. Wallace, Huntsville O.			Macedon	W. Stevens'n	10	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....
J. R. Bonner, Cannonsburg, O; J. L. Bull, Ken-			Bethel	S. English	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ton, O.; W. G. Morehead, Florence, Italy, D. Strang, Belle Centre, O.																										
Student.																										
William A. Hutchison.																										
Presbytery of S. Indiana.																										
Wm. Turner	Bloomington	Ind.	1st Bloomington		60	186	8	1	4	24	11	2	20	20	5	...	5	.....	20	400	.....	99	569	3	06
Jno. L. Craig, S. C., F. A.	Princeton	do.	Princeton		42	93	2	3	3	1	.....	.....	10	10	2	2	2	.....	8	300	.....	28	362	3	89
	Lynnville	do.	Eden, S. S.	W. Watt	19	32	4	.....	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	80	2	50
Robert Gray	Summerville	do.	Summerville		44	93	9	4	3	2	20	.....	10	4	2	1	3	2	2	210	.....	10	244	2	63
	Boonville	do.	Boonville, S. S.	Jno. White	10	18	.....	2	1	.....	4	.....	4	2	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	75	13	.....	81	4	50
	Buffalo	do.	Santa Fee, S. S.	A. Alexander	7	9	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	30	12	.....	33	3	66
James Ingles	Scotland	do.	Scotland		25	56	3	8	1	.....	5	.....	5	5	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	310	5	35
Alex. Macllatton	Palestine	Ill.	Palestine		21	48	6	.....	4	.....	10	.....	7	.....	1	1	3	.....	.....	150	100	1	163	3	39
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																							
Alex. R. Rankin, P. E., Palestine, Ills., John Bryan	Portland Mills	Ind.	Portland, P. E.	R. Spencer, jr.	24	47	8	1	.....	.....	11	2	12	12	.....	...	.....	.....	4	220	150	.....	248	5	27
Bloomington, Ind.; J.	Vandalia	do.	Vandalia	Jno. Wisely	22	43	1	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	61	75	4	64	1	50
T. Torrence, Hudson, O.	Bloomington	do.	2d Bloomington	D. Hunter	29	63	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	153	.....	.....	153	2	42
	Elizabeth	do.	Elizabeth	Reed Beam	11	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	48	8	.....	48	2	00
	Carmi	Ill.	West Union	W. Brockett	18	30	8	2	.....	.....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	40	65	.....	40	1	33
Presbytery of Xenia.																										
R. D. Harper, D. D.,	Xenia	Ohio.	1st Xenia		105	280	21	4	6	6	12	2	62	77	30	17	23	5	62	1000	60	412	1687	6	00
R. B. Ewing, S. C.	do.	do.	2d do.		85	231	11	6	4	4	8	.....	69	83	12	...	18	13	77	800	.....	300	1372	5	94
Jos. Clokey, D.D.	Springfield	do.	Springfield		45	140	10	7	4	8	6	1	50	100	.....	...	.....	.....	50	700	.....	150	1050	7	50
J. A. M'Call	Cedarville	do.	Cedarville		55	127	5	10	2	.....	5	.....	10	24	.....	...	.....	.....	25	550	.....	.....	615	4	85
J. B. M'Michael	Bellbrook	do.	Sugar Creek		42	105	5	1	3	2	5	.....	30	30	5	...	5	.....	38	700	.....	384	1192	11	35
W. A. Campbell	Clifton	do.	Clifton		30	70	12	8	1	1	4	1	32	28	8	9	.....	.....	24	500	100	87	688	9	82
W. A. Robb,			Cæsar's Creek		27	77	7	.....	.....	4	3	1	17	17	.....	...	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....		
do	Reeseville	do.	Reeseville		7	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	125	.....	4	129	7	59
Thos. Brown,	Xenia	do.	Massie's Creek		45	108	5	2	2	15	9	.....	17	13	.....	...	.....	.....	45	600	.....	126	801	7	41
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																							
S. Findley, D.D., T. Beveridge, D. D., S. Wilson, D. D., F. A., Xenia, H. M'Hatton, Xenia, O., M. M. Oldham, Springfield, Thos. M'Carney, Nebraska City, Nebr'ka	Reynoldsburgh	do.	Truro	D. Graham																						
	Hilliard's Station	do.	Bethel	J. Oldham																						
Licentiates.																										
Robt. Gilmore, Cincin'ti, O., Joshua Kyle, Cedarville, O., E. Currie, Xenia, O., J. Clokey, Jr., Springfield, O.																										
Students.																										
H. Jackson, Cedarville, O., Jas. Spencer, Xenia, Ohio.																										

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Synod of Illinois.																								
Presbyt'y of Bloomington.																								
J. M. Gordon	Smithville	Ill.	Harmony		54	115	6	5	6	.....	7	.....	$42	$50	$5	$5	$5	$1	$27	$500	.....	$75	$710	$6 17
Elijah M'Coy	Tivoli	do.	Bethel		29	87	7	4	1	7	9	.....	35	40	4	4	4	1	22	600	.....	100	810	9 27
P. H. Drennen,	Washburn	do.	Low Point		18	51	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	25	20	3	4	5	1	21	450	.....	100	629	12 33
do	Wenona	do.	Wenona		18	27	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	5	13	2	1	.....	1	6	230	.....	10	268	9 82
G. D. Henderson	Granville	do.	Granville		15	39	3	.....	1	3	3	.....	18	34	7	4	6	4	15	235	.....	50	373	9 56
W. R. Erskine	Bloomington	do.	White Oak Grove		25	60	1	2	2	2	8	.....	5	10	1	1	.....	.....	6	400	.....	20	443	7 38
M. Clarke,	Bloomington	do.	Bloomington		22	41	.....	1	1	11	.....	.....	13	20	3	2	3	1	11	200	$275	179	432	10 53
Jno. S. M'Cullough, F. A.	Peoria	do.	Peoria		34	64	3	3	.....	4	6	1	20	26	6	3	6	6	12	360	125	153	592	9 26
R. McCracken	Paxton	do.	Paxton		34	83	7	49	2	4	7	.....	10	12	2	2	2	.....	7	225	200	45	305	3 72
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
W. C. Pollock, Carter, Ill.	Berlin	do.	Berlin	David Reed	23	40	.....	3	.....	1	2	.....	9	12	1	1	1	1	3	380	.....	12	420	10 50
	Taylorsville	do.	Spring Creek	Jno. Waddle	17	43	2	1	1	2	3	.....	7	5	1	1	1	1	3	100	75	10	129	3 00
Licentiate.	Jacksonville	do.	Jacksonville	J. Marshall	7	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	25	2 27
B.F. Pinkerton, Berlin, Ill.	New Providence	do.	Carrollton	J. Pinkerton	6	8	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	47	75	9 33
Presbytery of Chicago.																								
W. P. Currie	Hanover	Ill.	Apple River		50	114	6	2	1	4	11	.....	10	25	4	5	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	137	580	5 08
Wm. T. Moffet, F.A.	Freeland	do.	Semonauk		43	102	4	9	1	11	12	.....	56	72	18	10	15	5	.....	600	.....	55	827	8 00
J. A. Shankland	Union Grove	Wis.	Yorkville		39	75	1	3	2	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	6 66
Thos. Dickson	Tamarack	Ill.	Wheatland		25	60	3	16	2	1	8	.....	17	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	400	.....	115	.....	9 00
J. W. Collins	Neshannoc	Wis.	Neshannoc		17	54	6	10	1	2	4	1	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	80	145	541	8 51
W. C. Jackson	Chicago	Ill.	Chicago		40	88	5	33	.....	5	4	.....	10	9	1	1	2	.....	.....	339	500	417	780	8 85
N. H. Brown	Shannon	do.	Shannon		25	50	1	5	2	1	3	.....	7	6	2	1	2	.....	.....	200	50	12	280	4 60
Daniel Todd	Chemung	do.	Chemung		21	31	1	5	.....	1	10	.....	9	4	2	...	3	.....	.....	215	150	5	388	7 67
R. W. French, P. C.	Manteno	do.	Wilton		12	29	.....	8	.....	.....	3	.....	9	10	2	2	.....	.....	3	200	90	15	331	8 31
			Vacancies.																					
	Sussex	Wis.	Lisbon	A. Davidson	33	56	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	14	2	2	4	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
	Vernon	do.	Vernon	Finley Fraser	34	55	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	4	2	3	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	61
	Midland	do.	Buffalo	J. Cairns	18	27	.....	4	.....	1	4	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	96	.....	102	.....	3 77
	Wyoming	do.	Wyoming	Dan. Wall.	14	30	3	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	5	5	2	2	2	.....	2	48	75	.....	66	2 20
	Waupaca	do.	Waupaca	W. Ander'n.	12	27	6	.....	.....	1	4	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	.....	130	204	7 55
	Dacota	Ill.	Rock Run	J. Templeton.	12	27	.....	.....	1	5	.....	.....	6	5	2	1	4	.....	.....	55	37	.....	110	2 70
	Ross Grove	do.	Ross Grove	R. Harper	8	22	.....	.....	2	3	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	25	.....	83	2 63
Jos. A. Morrow, S. S. *Licentiate.* Chas. Thompson.	Dekorra	Wis.	Caledonia	A. Stewart	22	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	10	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	300	135	28	345	9 00

Presbytery of Kansas.																												
Jas. N. Smith,	Berea	Kansas.	Berea		26	52			1	7	5		10	7	1	3	1	2	1	150	50	4	179	3	45
do	Garnett	do.	Garnett	J. M'Laughlin	16	29	5	2	2		5	2	2	2						50	100	433	62	2	16
B. L. Baldridge, S.C.,	Leavenworth	do.	Leavenworth		18	38	1	5	2	4	4	1	40	52	4	2	7	1	3	250	250	480	842	22	18
E. A. Brownlee,	Americus	do.	Americus	John Helsley	11	29	2		1	1	1	1	9	8	1	1	2		1	56	200	16	95	3	30
do	Hibbard	do.	Hibbard	D. Martin	6	13	1	1			4		3		1					85				6	75
S. D. Davis	Black Jack	do.	Black Jack		7	11	3	8			5		3		1					35	200			3	50
do	Franklin	do.	Franklin	J. Anderson	4	6		1					3							21				4	00
			Grasshopper Falls	R. Riddle	11	16																			
			Topeka		7	15																			
			Bethel	John Reid	7	12																			
			Cedar	David Hays		23								3											
			Nottingham	Dan. Auld	7	13																			
			Atchison		4	7																			
Presbytery of Monmouth.																												
John Scott, D. D.	Monmouth	Ill.	Henderson		56	139	6	3	2	9	13	2	40	50	5		95			400		147	737	5	30
Samuel Millen	do	do.	Smith Creek		55	135	9	3	2	9	8		26	59	5	3	65		4	354		44	560	4	14
J. A. Edie	North Henderson	do.	North Henderson		94	215	13	17	2	16	14	2	58	127	8	9	15			500		491	1208	5	61
Jno. M. Graham	Elmira	do.	Elmira		53	97	6	1		2	11		26	40	4	6	6	2		600		30	714	7	36
J. A. P. M'Gaw, S.C.	Sagetown	do.	South Henderson		81	182	16	6	5	11	19	5	50	80	7	8	98			600		189	1032	5	67
Jas. M'Arthur	Riggsville	do.	Ellison		70	170	21		4	10	6		30	75			86			500		136	827	4	86
Wm. Cooke	Pennsylvania	do.	Homestead		38	83	1		1		7		10	18	2	4	4			500		108	646	7	78
W. H. Buchanan	Elvaston	do.	Elvaston		26	63	9	9	1	1	9	1	10	13	1	2	3					58	87	1	38
John H. Nash	Sunbeam	do.	Pope Creek		64	184	8	12	4	2	21		40	62	6	7	50			500		175	840	4	56
Wm. M. Graham	Monmouth	do.	Spring Grove		29	66	1	4	1	11	11		27	28	2	2	1					43	103	1	56
J. R. M'Calister	Aledo	do.	Aledo		22	44	7	13		4	11		17	19	3	5	5			200	50	34	283	6	39
			Viola		27	57	7	7	1	1	9		9	14	1	1	2			225		335	587	10	29
			Rock Island		16	24		3		3			7	6			1			200	75	54	268	11	23
Henry Wallace	Rock Island	do.	Davenport		16	36			2	4	7		10	10						200	75	110	330	9	16
D. G. Bradford, P. E.			1st Monmouth		134	430	19	38	10	47	17	2	104	293	16	16	113	16	3	500		600	1661	3	86
Alex. Young, D. D., P. E.			2d Monmouth																						
D. A. Wallace, D. D., P. E.			Cedar Creek		66	198	3	4	4		11	1	48	90	8	13	65	10	10			170	414	2	09
John A. Reynolds, P. E.			Oquawka		11	23	2		1	3	1														
Charles Thompson, P. E.			Olena		18	38	4			1	7		4	4						228		505	739	19	44
do			*Vacancies.*																						
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Without Charge.																									
D. Macdill, D.D., Oquawka;	Clayton	Ill.	Clayton	Jason Walice	30	64	7		1		9	1	15	39		3	4			400		60	521	8	15
J. Wallace, Little York,	Spartland	do.	Fairfield	E. S. Erskine	32	72	5	4	2		5		4	5		3	3					820	835	11	59
W. Townley, Aledo; J.	Ellisville	do.	Ellisville	J. E. M'Nair	21	32					2		6	10	3	1	1			150			171	5	34
C. Porter, Little York;	Young America	do.	Young America	J. H. Martin	22	50		5	1		3		8	14	1	1	1			207		35	267	5	34
N. C. Weed, Sparland;	Fountain Green	do.	Fountain Green	R. Wagstaff	13	23	2	5		3	1	1	5	7		4				65		5	86	3	73
M. Morrison, Monmouth;	Burns	do.	East Henry	S. Carson	8	24									1		2			79		7	89	3	70
R. Ross, do. D. B. Jones	Hazelett	do.	Lebanon	E. T. Randolph	8	17	1	2			3		1			2				50		1	54	3	17
do. D. C. Cochran, Viola,			Oxford																						
M. Bigger, 50th Ill., Reg.			Marietta																						
J. C. M'Knight, Spring																									
Grove, Jas. M'Neal, J.																									
C. Hutchison, Mon-																									
mouth.																									

Ministers and Licentiates.	Post-Office.	State.	Congregation.	Correspondent for Vacancy.	Membership.		Increase.		Decrease.		Baptisms		Contributions.											
					Families.	Communicants.	Examination and Profession.	Certificate.	Death.	Removal.	Infant.	Adult.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Assembly's Fund.	Synod's Fund.	Salary by Congregat'n.	Salary by Assembly.	General Contributions.	Total Am't.	Average per Member.
Licentiates—J. F. Graham; J. R. Harris; S. J. Bogle; J. H. Brown; J. L. Fulton; Daniel Harris; S. N. Moore.																								
Presbytery of St. Louis.																								
Jas. W. Glen	Preston	Ill.	Springfield		65	140	6	2	4	14	11	2												
Jno. F. Stewart, S. C.	Sparta	do.	Sparta		85	200	15	7	3		31	1		$24						$550		975	1525	7 00
Dan'l. Steele	Grand Cote	do.	Bethel																					
Wm. Wright	Pinckneyville	do.	Hopewell		49	145	6	1	4		11		$15	14	$5					500			534	
H. Allen, F. A.	Sparta	do.	Union		55	157	12	3	2	3	14	3	31	42						600		10	682	4 35
D. T. McAuley	Marissa	do.	Washington																					
R. N. Fee	Jordan's Grove	do.	Unity		56	122	15	6			14		20	36	5	5	4	2	$5	500		50	635	
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
Jas. Morrow, Sparta, Ill.; W. A. Pollock; W. T. Rawson; J. C. Elliott; J. D. Steele, Xenia, Ill.		do.	St. Louis	J. Hamill	65	112	4	6	4	8	5	1	17	23	3	3	3		8				49	
			Chester																					
			Centralia	Jas. Wilson	13	25				1														
		do.	Xenia	J. D. Steele.	5	12	2				3	1		15						37	51			
Synod of Iowa.																								
Presbytery of Des Moines.																								
R. A. M'Aycal, F. A.	Oskaloosa	Iowa.	Oskaloosa		48	140							15	46					5	600		59	725	5 12
T. P. Dysart	Summersett	do.	Summersett		31	63	4				16	1		12						400		34	446	7 00
J. H. Young	Des Moines City	do.	Des Moines		21	40	1	8		2			5	12					1	200	$250	10	229	5 74
Thos. M'Cartney	Nebraska City	N. T.	Nebraska	S. E. Smith.	6	12		1	1	2			14	4			4			125	300	6	153	11 75
do	Rock Bluffs	do.	Rock Bluffs	W. L. Th'pson.	16	25	6	1				2	6	3			3			200	200	60	272	10 00
do.	Franklin	do.	North Bend	A. Morrison.	10	16	1				3		5	3			1			100	100	10	120	8 00
Jos. G. M'Kee	Fremont	do.	Fremont	Jas. Lee.	4	10	10						2	1						80	100		88	8 00
do	College Spring	Iowa	Amity	G. M'Cullo'h	32	70	2	4	3	8	12		14	7	4					325			350	5 00
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
John Graham, Wintersett;		do.	Albia																					
J. Miller, St. Charles;		do.	Service																					
Jos. White, Knoxville;		do.	Pleasant Divide																					
A. C. Tris, Lacona; A. Pattison, Monroe; J. A. Vance, Knoxville; Jos. S. Maughlin, Col. Springs		do.	Chariton	E. Hunter	8	19																		
		do.	Corydon	Jas. Glasgo.	17	30																		
		do.	St. Charles	J. Baird	11	21	2		2	1	3													
		do.	Wintersett	A. Campbell	32	75				5			6									40	46	
Licentiates.		do.	Monroe	D. Mateer	11	23																		
Jas. D. Beard, Knoxville, Iowa; J. D. Freeborn, Wintersett, Iowa.		do.	Boonesboro'		10	17																		

			Mt. Ayr		6	13																				
			Knoxville		27	58	1		1	19	7		3	12						200	1	382	6	15
			Vandalia																							
			Mt. Ayr	D. Pressly	6	13																				
Presbytery of Keokuk.																										
W. H. Wilson,	Washington	do.	1st Washington		228	305	29	7	4	10	20	3	53	117	15	23	12	8	10	600		13	853	2	79
S. F. Vanatta,	do	do.	2d Washington		56	168	14	7	8	13	25	3	23	23	3	4	3			600				3	31
N. M'Dowell	Crawfordsville	do.	Crawfordsville		114	240	4	14	1	3	27		25	40	5	13	7	2	23	500		23	641	2	67
Thos. A. Sanson	Morning Sun	do.	Morning Sun		71	163	21	10	1	2	19	2	19	38					3	600		212	873	5	35
J. T. Tate	Talleyrand	do.	Pleasant Valley		61	130	1	16	4	2	20		13	18						400		475	906	6	97
Alex. Story	Columbus City	do.	Columbus City		60	128	6	4	2	11	14		18	19	4	3	3		6	375		260	690	5	39
Sam'l M'Arthur	Birmingham	do.	Birmingham		48	97	2	1	1		2		16	21	4				2				44		46
do	Mt. Sterling	do.	Mt. Sterling	Jas A. Alcorn	7	13			1				3	7					1	59	35		107	5	46
	Brighton	do.	Brighton	D. Robertson	18	40	2				6			5						175			180	4	52
	New London	do.	New London	D. Thomson.	9	22		7	1				8							32			40	1	85
James Brown, D. D.	Keokuk	do.	1st Keokuk		48	98		4	3	6	5		25	50						800		120	975	10	50
J. N. Pressly, S. S.	Grandview	do.	Harrison																							
Without Charge.			Grandview																							
James R. Doig, D. D.			*Vacancies.*																							
S. E. M'Kee			Dodgeville																							
R. J. Hammond.	Clay Grove	do.	Sugar Creek																							
J. P. Chambers.			Millersburgh	N. M'Kinn'y																						
D. Lindsay.	Washington	do.	Grand Prairie	R.B. Glasg'w	14	39	3	6		2			5		2											
	Middletown	do.	Middletown		18	43								7												
Presbytery of Le Claire.																										
Jno'th Stewart, S. C.	Andrew	do.	Andrew		32	100	15	9	2	7	8	4	10	5	1	1	1		5	333		228	584	5	84
do	do.	do.	La Motte		17	55	4	3	1		11		6	2					3	166		50	227	4	12
R. S. Campbell, F. A.	De Witt	do.	De Witt		22	57	5	5	7	1	2		5	9	1	1	1	1	4	180		420	622	10	91
do.	do.	do.	Camanche		16	35	2		1	2	2	1	2	2	2				1	202		270	479	13	68
S. S. Ralston	Le Claire	do.	Le Claire Prairie		29	75	6	4		3	1		30	22	3				4	166		14	234	3	50
do	do.	do.	Pleasant Unity		25	53	3	6	2	3	4		2	2	3					160			167	3	00
A. J. Allen	Scotch Grove	do.	Scotch Grove		20	40	2	6		3	4		3	5	1	1				200		1	211	5	25
S. M. Kier	Vinton	do.	Vinton		14	40	7			3	4		3	4	1	1	1		1	150	19	3	164	4	00
do	do	do.	Tranquillity		15	44	6	6		1	6	2	2	1	1	1	1		1	150		20	177	4	06
James Sawhill, S. S.	Cascade	do.	Cascade		19	33	4	29			4		4							180	200	6	190	5	75
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																							
Joseph Walker.	Iowa City	do.	Iowa City	A. Waldren	19	41	1		1	15	4		14	4						155	50		203	3	75
	Fairfax	do.	Fairfax	James Ure	16	31		1		1	3															
	Cedar Rapids	do.	Kingston	Sam. Martin.	18	30		2	1	4	7		3	3						103	6[illegible]		109	3	13
	Mt. Vernon	do.	Linn Grove	J. Johnston.	12	24	9	1		1	4		3	1			1						5		
	Barclay	do.	Barclay	J. Barclay	6	13		7			7												4		
	Wyoming	do.	Wyoming	Sam. Coburn	15	28	1	2			2		2	2											
	Clarence	do.	Clarence	W. Chisholm	8	14		1			2									44			48	3	42
	Owatonna	Minn.	Owatonna	D. S. Harsha.	7	12	1	1	1		2		5	5						40	150	20	70	5	83
	Wilton	do.	Wilton	J. C. Hunter.	5	10					2									50	150	4	54	5	40
	Gopher Prairie.	do.	Caledonia	W. Sterling.																						
	Eden Prairie	do.	Eden Prairie	Jas. Gamble.																						
	West Union	Iowa.	West Union																							

Ministers and Licentiates.	Post Office.	State.	Congregation.	Correspondent for Vacancy.	Membership. Families.	Membership. Communicants.	Increase. Examination and Profession.	Increase. Certificate.	Decrease. Death.	Decrease. Removals.	Baptism. Infant.	Baptism. Adult.	Contributions. Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Assembly's Fund.	Synod's Fund.	Salary by Congregat'n	Salary by Assembly.	General Contributions	Total Am't.	Average per Member.
Presbytery of Oregon.																								
James Worth	Brownsville	Oregon.	Union Point		24	44																		
S. G. Irvine, F. A	Albany	do.	Willamette		22	52	2				3		$14							$300				
do	Albany	do.	Albany		15	31	8		1		2	2	16	30						200				
J. M Dick	Eugene City	do.	Chiastin		10	22							4											
T. S. Kendall	Albany	do.	Kendall's Bridge.—		17	42	1	3			2		18											
do	Peoria	do.	Harmony		10	18		3			2		12											
Without Charge.																								
J. E. Hannon, Albany, Oregon; S. D. Gager, Eugene City.																								
			Vacancies.																					
	Corvallis	do.	Corvallis		3	7																		
	Eugene City	do.	Eugene City		3	6																		
	Vancouver	W. Ter'y	Simcoe Trail		3	7																		
	Stations.																							
	Monticello	do.			3	4																		
	Olympia	do.			2	4																		
	Portland	Oregon.																						
	Salem	do.																						
Presbytery of Egypt.	Harrisburg	do.																						
Without Charge.			*Vacancies.*																					
Jas. Barnett, D. D., Cairo Egypt; G. Lansing, Cairo, Egypt; J. Hogg, F. A., Cairo, Egypt; S. C. Ewing, S. C., Cairo, Egypt; Andrew Watson, Alexandria.	Cairo	Egypt.	Cairo		17	27	24															$130	$130	$3 51
	Alexandria	do.	Alexandria		1	8																2	2	25

Presbytery of Sealkote.—Ministers: Andrew Gordon, E. H. Stevenson, F. P. Swift, G. W. Scott, James S. Barr; P. O., Sealkote, N. India.

SUMMARY.

	Presbyteries.	Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total Ministers.	Licentiates.	Students.	Congregations.	Membership. Increase. Families.	Communicants.	Exam. and Profession.	Certificate.	Decrease. Death.	Removal.	Baptisms. Infant.	Adult.	Contributions. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Assembly's Fund.	Synod's Fund.	Salary by Congregat'n.	Salary by Assembly.	General Contributions.	Total Amount	Average per Member.	
1	Albany	6	.....	6	.....	.....	6	434	840	15	16	15	34	37	.....	$220	$321	$12	$13	$23	.....	.....	$4375	.....	$5778	$9742	$11 60	1
2	Argyle	9	7	16	3	1	11	1015	2086	44	46	49	37	90	15	503	609	48	18	530	$33	$11	6600	.....	3893	10233	4 90	2
3	Boston	5	2	7	.....	1	6	289	585	63	8	6	42	41	4	62	53	6	6	9	7	.....	2550	$587	1508	4000	6 83	3
4	Caledonia	9	2	11	1	1	11	560	1053	44	14	22	35	60	3	315	583	23	23	48	5	5	4929	75	1241	7175	6 81	4
5	Delaware	8	1	9	1	1	11	647	1354	55	19	25	16	69	7	222	310	23	35	47	6	6	5576	151	1692	7947	5 87	5
6	1st New York	6	3	9	.....	.....	7	420	945	60	68	20	54	77	.....	246	286	30	23	19	15	2	4650	150	5875	10569	11 84	6
7	2d New York	5	3	8	.....	.....	7	498	1464	106	106	22	103	141	.....	255	171	20	15	120	5	.....	5400	550	3917	8176	5 50	7
8	Philadelphia	11	1	12	1	.....	13	1102	2432	132	71	31	129	149	2	633	845	126	76	85	33	30	7873	550	5815	17398	7 15	8
9	Stamford	4	1	5	.....	.....	6	237	528	13	5	7	9	31	1	68	101	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1775	.....	410	2354	4 43	9
10	Vermont	1	.....	1	.....	.....	3	135	258	.....	.....	6	6	3	.....	19	56	9	.....	7	.....	.....	400	.....	1713	2023	7 60	10
11	St. Lawrence	3	.....	3	.....	.....	5	140	310	16	2	4	3	20	.....	63	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	950	200	172	1235	3 98	11
12	Allegheny	15	2	17	3	4	21	1181	2852	123	178	35	173	227	11	863	1405	125	74	143	31	194	7399	300	8034	18328	6 43	12
13	Big Spring	5	2	7	.....	.....	17	375	878	36	11	20	7	53	2	237	339	35	39	355	16	69	3178	50	947	5280	6 01	13
14	Butler	15	2	17	3	4	27	1120	2665	135	102	60	172	200	19	398	748	50	41	29	10	115	7280	100	7091	15933	5 97	14
15	Chartiers	12	2	14	5	3	16	834	2010	74	54	23	70	113	5	551	748	43	37	50	36	156	6625	.....	1670	10119	5 03	15
16	Cloveland	7	.....	7	.....	.....	12	357	692	23	21	15	22	49	1	131	165	11	2	2	1	16	2150	600	404	3908	6 88	16
17	Conemaugh	11	.....	11	5	1	38	1139	2779	108	52	44	83	206	14	444	477	35	34	32	36	95	5698	225	2880	9724	3 50	17
18	Frankfort	8	.....	8	2	.....	13	666	1395	72	54	33	88	107	7	432	578	35	31	41	2	131	3460	.....	251	4802	3 44	18
19	Lakes	11	2	13	.....	2	25	940	2105	75	40	23	41	115	11	291	468	29	23	288	10	127	6039	.....	3797	10602	4 98	19
20	Mansfield	10	.....	10	3	.....	22	640	1345	56	32	34	43	61	3	228	354	17	4	61	9	23	4591	50	788	6128	4 55	20
21	Mercer	15	5	20	1	.....	25	942	2175	102	91	22	70	166	.....	298	454	21	14	73	.....	98	4217	.....	621	5184	4 08	21
22	Monongahela	14	4	18	5	5	20	1259	2714	102	171	54	150	178	12	926	1337	98	91	417	22	221	10390	250	9284	22846	8 39	22
23	Muskingum	14	1	15	7	6	24	966	2276	118	97	41	76	113	12	352	424	66	55	170	18	150	5553	.....	712	7697	3 38	23
24	Steubenville	9	4	13	3	3	22	628	1794	61	60	28	67	83	4	268	492	26	49	50	6	24	5669	50	1458	8485	4 73	24
25	Westmoreland	10	2	12	1	2	22	866	2006	101	43	36	127	152	11	544	848	53	62	107	11	178	5761	150	1821	9395	4 68	25
26	Wheeling	13	.....	13	8	.....	25	393	934	58	21	19	30	59	5	220	222	14	23	16	12	103	3725	.....	1058	7544	8 00	26
27	Chillicothe	6	3	9	.....	.....	14	474	1095	43	34	19	15	41	2	156	168	16	8	6	1	45	4130	87	280	4597	4 46	27
28	Detroit	5	.....	5	.....	.....	9	225	473	35	9	3	20	52	2	98	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	1825	.....	720	2660	5 62	28
29	Indiana	7	1	8	1	11	11	388	959	32	19	20	38	52	4	312	381	28	5	2	13	62	3687	.....	741	5423	5 86	29
30	Michigan	11	2	13	1	.....	19	537	1141	45	29	19	38	77	4	109	166	46	26	21	6	23	4281	100	642	5707	5 00	30
31	1st Ohio	11	7	18	2	1	14	601	1370	68	41	30	29	65	12	643	928	72	74	365	7	158	6342	400	2266	10734	7 83	31
32	Sidney	7	5	12	.....	1	17	437	1047	75	44	24	47	65	4	125	176	28	7	7	5	51	4167	65	582	4926	4 72	32
33	S. Indiana	5	3	8	.....	.....	13	332	742	58	21	18	28	84	6	71	53	10	4	14	2	34	2067	421	142	2396	3 22	33
34	Xenia	8	6	14	4	2	11	441	1155	76	38	22	40	53	5	293	372	55	26	46	18	343	4975	160	1463	7534	6 52	34
35	Bloomington	8	1	9	.....	.....	13	303	669	31	68	16	39	48	1	189	245	35	28	33	17	133	3730	675	801	5211	7 76	35
36	Chicago	9	1	10	1	.....	17	425	884	36	95	13	38	85	2	160	218	39	29	35	5	33	3767	1142	1159	4535	5 24	36
37	Kansas	4	.....	4	.....	.....	13	124	204	13	17	8	14	4	4	70	72	8	7	11	3	5	647	700	492	1170	4 43	37
38	Monmouth	14	13	27	9	.....	28	1010	2466	147	136	46	146	194	15	555	1063	73	90	620	28	17	6458	200	4155	13059	5 29	38
39	St. Louis	7	5	12	.....	.....	12	393	913	60	23	17	26	89	8	83	139	13	8	6	2	14	2187	51	1035	3525	3 86	39
40	Des Moines	5	7	12	2	.....	21	268	645	27	14	7	37	41	3	70	88	.....	.....	8	.....	6	2230	.....	161	2409	3 50	40
41	Keokuk	9	5	14	.....	.....	18	719	1526	82	76	26	49	138	8	206	330	32	54	25	10	58	4041	35	1109	5302	3 59	41
42	Le Claire	5	2	7	.....	.....	22	290	682	63	77	14	41	75	7	92	65	10	5	5	1	19	2099	640	1026	3381	4 95	42
43	Oregon	4	2	6	.....	.....	11	112	237	11	.....	1	.....	9	2	64	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	594	2 49	43
44	Sealkote	.....	5	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
45	Egypt	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	2	18	45	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	132	2 93	45
	Total 45	361	109	464	71	49	682	24880	54758	2787	2093	997	2218	3752	237	$12085	$16039	$1420	$1225	$3902	$442	$2768	$183943	$8714	$88796	$305082	$5 57	

DIRECTIONS FOR CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The rules of the General Assembly, or the usage of such bodies, require certain duties of the stated Clerks of Presbyteries. The following summary is given for the convenience of those whose inexperience may render it desirable.

I. Furnish the Commissioners to the General Assembly, with a *Commission*, according to the model in the form of government; and state on the face of the *Commission* the number of ministers in the Presbytery.

II. Forward in due time to the Assembly, the Presbyterial Report and the Statistical Table, both properly authenticated.

1. *The Presbyterial Report.*

(1.) This report should contain in a connected form, ready for the printer, whatever the Presbytery desires to have published as its report. A disjointed document is inconvenient, and portions of it are very liable to be lost.

(2.) By a rule of the Assembly, Presbyteries are required to furnish *separate duplicates* of so much of their reports as refers to the narrative and state of religion, whatever relates to matters in overture, all memorials to the Assembly, and in general, any thing that may require reference to committees in the Assembly. These duplicates should be on separate papers, and properly endorsed, for the convenience of the Assembly in referring them to distinct committees.

2. *The Statistical Table.*

(1.) The Clerk, if he has no printed blank, should make the table after the form adopted in the published Minutes. Blank forms, both for Presbyteries and Sessions, can be had *gratis*, by applying to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly.*

(2.) Make the report in fair, distinct writing, especially the figures, the columns of which should be straight, and avoid all erasures and interlineations.

(3.) Place the name of every church opposite the name of its pastor, or stated supply, or, if vacant, at the foot of the roll.

(4.) Make the table as full and accurate as possible. If a Church fail to report, it is desirable that the number of its communicants be given as reported to the last Assembly, with an asterisk (*) in the column of communicants denoting the fact.

(5.) Except in the "average" column, report *dollars only*. Cents cannot be published, and are a great annoyance to the printer and publishing committee.

(6.) Give the names of Licentiates, Students of Theology and Correspondents for Vacancies.

(7.) Designate the Clerks of Presbyteries, Financial Agents and Stated Supplies with the appropriate abbreviations.

(8.) Put the Post Offices of "Ministers without charge," in the first column in connexion with their names, and thus avoid confounding them with the Post Offices of Vacancies.

(9.) ADD UP every column, giving the number of pastors, unsettled ministers, licentiates, students and congregations, &c , and also put down the average per member, for the whole Presbytery.

(10.) Affix no extraneous matter—nothing that is not to be published, except the certification of the Clerk.

(11.) Fold the table by doubling it first perpendicularly, and then twice in the other direction; and finally, endorse it neatly. This may appear to some, a trivial matter, but it is important to those who have much to do with the tables.

THE COMMITTEE.

* The present Stated Clerk has not any at present in his possession.—J. T. C.

THE MINUTES.

The committee appointed by the General Assembly, to revise the minutes and superintend their publication, would take this opportunity of assuring the brethren throughout the church, that they have endeavoured faithfully to attend to the duty assigned them. In order to secure their publication at as early a day as possible, and to present them free from mistakes, we have spared neither time nor labour. Those who have never had any experience in such business, can have but little conception of the arduousness of the work.

We are happy to say that the papers generally were in a better condition for publication than heretofore. In some of these, however, carelessness was very manifest. If committees and others who prepare documents for publication, would only provide themselves with a little more paper, and bestow a little more pains in the expression of their thoughts, they would save the committee a vast amount of trouble, and improve very considerably the literature of the minutes. If the public could have a *fac simile* of some of the documents which we have had to decipher, their authors would feel not a little ashamed of the exhibition. Our principal ground of complaint, and one which has been the chief source of our trouble, is the manner in which many of the Statistical Tables have been prepared. In the first place the Tables are defective in not containing full returns from all the congregations, which indicates either carelessness on the part of the Presbyteries, or neglect on the part of the congregations themselves. In the second place, not a few of these Tables, as prepared by the respective clerks, exhibit no little inattention in regard to accuracy and legibility. For instance, in some of the Tables the cents are inserted contrary to the direction of the Assembly. In others, the columns are not added up, and in many cases the figures in this addition are in pencil marks. No committee would be willing to become responsible for the accuracy of Tables thus prepared, and should mistakes be discovered in the Summary, we feel it to be our duty to say that the fault has not been with the Committee. We are persuaded that these Tables, as published, do not fully exhibit the statistics of our church.

It will be seen that some of the Reports of the Presbyteries do not contain the action of the Presbyteries on the overtures. This is to be ascribed to the fact that the votes of these Presbyteries are not incorporated in their reports. They are not among the papers in the possession of the clerk, and were not returned to him by the committee to which they were referred. If all the Presbyteries would hereafter incorporate in their reports every thing which is designed for publication, such omissions would be prevented. We have not published any Presbyterial memorials but such as constituted a part of their reports to the Assembly. It would save the committee some perplexity if the Assembly would take action, defining more specifically what papers should be published. Nothing has been omitted by us which it is usual to introduce in the Minutes.

THE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT TO THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Committee on Book of Government and Discipline.—Rev. Drs. David R. Kerr, Donald McLaren, Thomas Beveridge, James Brown, Robert Gracey, William McElwee and Rev. J. B. Scouller.

Committee on Directory for Worship.—Rev. Drs. J. T. Pressly, J. S. Easton and Rev. J. B. Clark.

Committee on Revision of present Version of Psalms.—Rev. Drs. James Patterson, James Prestley and J. T. Cooper.

Committee on New Version of Psalms.—Rev. Drs. Thomas Beveridge, David R. Kerr, Joseph Clokey, R. D. Harper, Rev. R. B. Ewing, and William H. Jeffers.

Committee on Mission to the Aborigines of this Country.—Rev. Alexander Young, D. D., Rev. J. H. Nash and Mr. James Findley.

Committee on Credentials to next General Assembly.—Revs. W. W. Barr, T. H. Hanna and James Crowe.

Committee to secure reduced Fares to next General Assembly, and publish in the papers of the church, two weeks previously to the meeting of the Board of Missions:—

John Fleming, R. H. Pollock, W. C. Jackson, Thomas Johnston, James McCandless, William M. McKnight, R. Harper, S. F. Morrow, C. P. Lytle, G. Small and R. S. Murray.

THE LATE MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Our readers will have before them, in this number, the proceedings of the last Assembly. We ask for them the careful perusal and serious consideration of all who take an interest in the United Presbyterian Church. It was the privilege of one of the editors of this periodical to be present during the deliberations of the brethren, though not a member of the court, and he would avail himself of the small space allowed him to indicate the impression made upon his mind as a spectator. The spirit evinced by the brethren was invariably just such as should characterize an assembly of Christian brethren convened for the high and holy purpose of transacting business pertaining to the interests of Christ's kingdom. We cannot, at present, bring before our mind a single instance of the manifestation of an unkind feeling, though, as might be expected, there were questions which elicited warm discussions. There are, we think, few assemblies in which there is so much independence of thought evincing itself among the members as that which, as a general thing, distinguishes the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. We like this feature. While all proper respect should be shown to age and experience, we think it is a misfortune when any body of men are willing to give themselves up to the lead of a few.

We cannot find room at present to call particular attention to the conclusions at which the Assembly arrived. The Report of the Board of Home Missions received no little attention. It will gratify our readers to know that this cause has been so liberally sustained during the past year, and that, with the exception of a very few, all our ministers and licentiates will be employed during the coming year. As it respects the Foreign Mission cause, it is indeed ground for lamentation that no new missionaries have been appointed, though the demand is so pressing. Had it not been for the unhappy state of our country and the enormous rates of exchanges, we feel quite sure that additional missionaries would have been appointed. Our readers will notice that there will be a demand this year for a contribution of $45,000 to the Foreign Mission cause; being about $19,000 more than was contributed last year. Will the reader make a note of this and act accordingly? The Assembly acted with singular unanimity in the settlement of the Sealkote difficulty, and we earnestly hope that we shall hear no more of this case.

Much of the time of the Assembly was occupied in devising a plan of missionary operations among the freed men of the South. This subject elicited considerable discussion, and we hope that the conclusions of the Assembly will be found to be effective. It is a subject which we are sure will elicit the deepest interest. The matter on which the greatest diversity of opinion seemed to exist, and one, too, which perhaps drew forth the warmest discussion, was the proposition in relation to an amendment of our National Constitution. All were agreed that the object proposed was highly desirable, but it was seriously doubted by some of the brethren whether it was appropriate to church courts to call conventions to secure this object, and whether, even if this were admitted, it was the most feasible plan of effecting this result. The reader will perceive that the chief difference between the report of the committee and the substitute adopted, consists in the fact that the latter did not propose the appointment of delegates to the convention.

Our space is exhausted. We shall perhaps call attention more fully to some of these matters. May the proceedings of this Assembly be blessed to the welfare of the church.

We have ascertained, since the form containing the "Officers and Institutions" of the church was printed, (page 143,) that the Synod of Ohio meets in New Concord, Ohio, on the first Tuesday of October, 1863, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

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